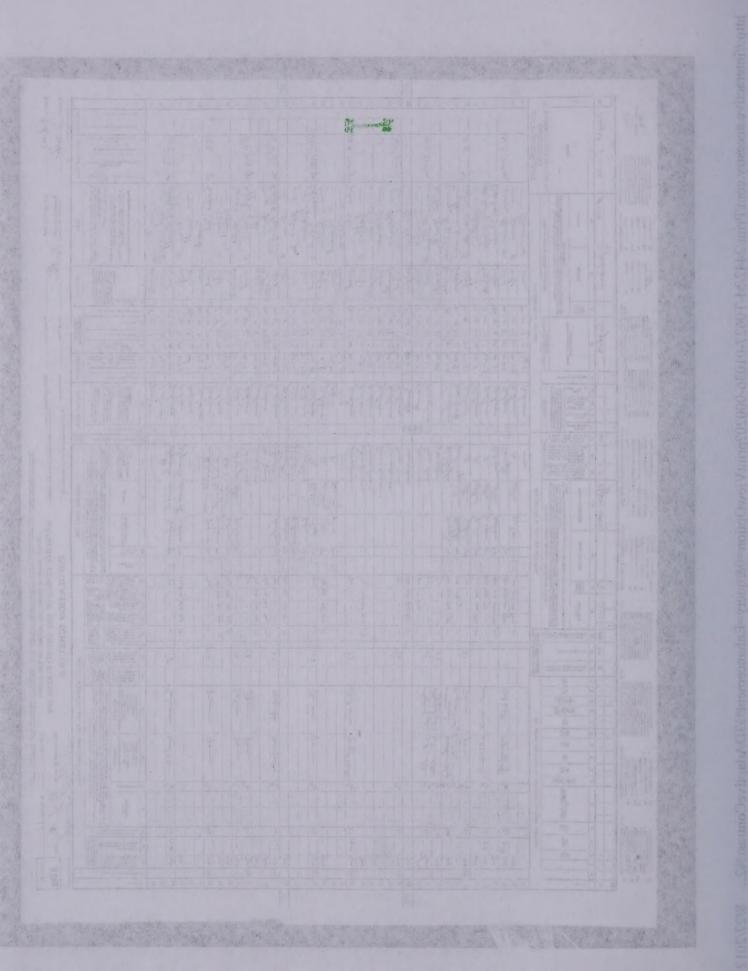
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Otis had 4 years of high school; Esther had 1 year of high school; They live in the same house in 1935. Otis worked for pay as an electrician at General Electric. In the week of March 24-30 he worked 35 hours. Worked 40 weeks in year; Income \$1400; he also has other income. Esther is also listed as other income - perhaps it was farming? Probably as they have a farm schedule number 118 listed. And we know they had over 60 acres. Claude Lothamer was next door neighbor and also Harry Groscup. The Groscups lived in the house my father bought 6 years later. Note that Harry must have been a widower as he lived there with his two daughters, Barbara and Frances. Later in life I bowled with Barbara Groscup. Never knowing, of course, that she lived in the same house that I did in my teen years. Barbara was 16 and apparently she may never have married as she was still Barbara Groscup when I knew about her. Both the girls had been born in Canada, but their father had been born in IN.

Interesting situation on the corner. I remember the place being as owned by Betty Tagliarnie (or something like that) and it was always in question as to just what kind of establishment it was. Had a bad name for some reason. But in 1940 it was listed as a filling station owned by a woman 41 who had a daughter, a brother, and a lodger living with her. Appears she was divorced and they are said to have been attendants at the filling station. The lodger was listed as a professional athlete and was a male of 42 years old, named Dommie Tagliarnie. Wonder now if Betty was a daughter or wife of his tho not listed on this census. Or did the head of the place in 1949 later marry Dommie? Her name was Elizabeth. It was never a filling station after we moved there and everyone always laughed or snickered at what was really going on there and we were told to stay away from the place. They may have been using it as a barber shop also while we lived there. We did catch the Shortway bus at that place, but never went inside. Just stood out until the bus came.

Also listed as neighbors were the Knights, Frank Pepple, and Carl Sinders. All were living on the road that the Lothamers were living on. The Pepples were relatives of Marie Reed, a good school chum of mine. the Sinders lived on a farm at the corner just where the road again turned north. They were a couple without children at home, and her name was Alma. She was also in the women's club of the area and did things with Esther. He always seemed like a grouchy fellow to me.

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# 1940 United States Federal Census for Charles Caple

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Head Relation to Head of

House:

Race: White Gender: Male

Age: 44

Estimated Birth Year: 1896

Marital Status: Married

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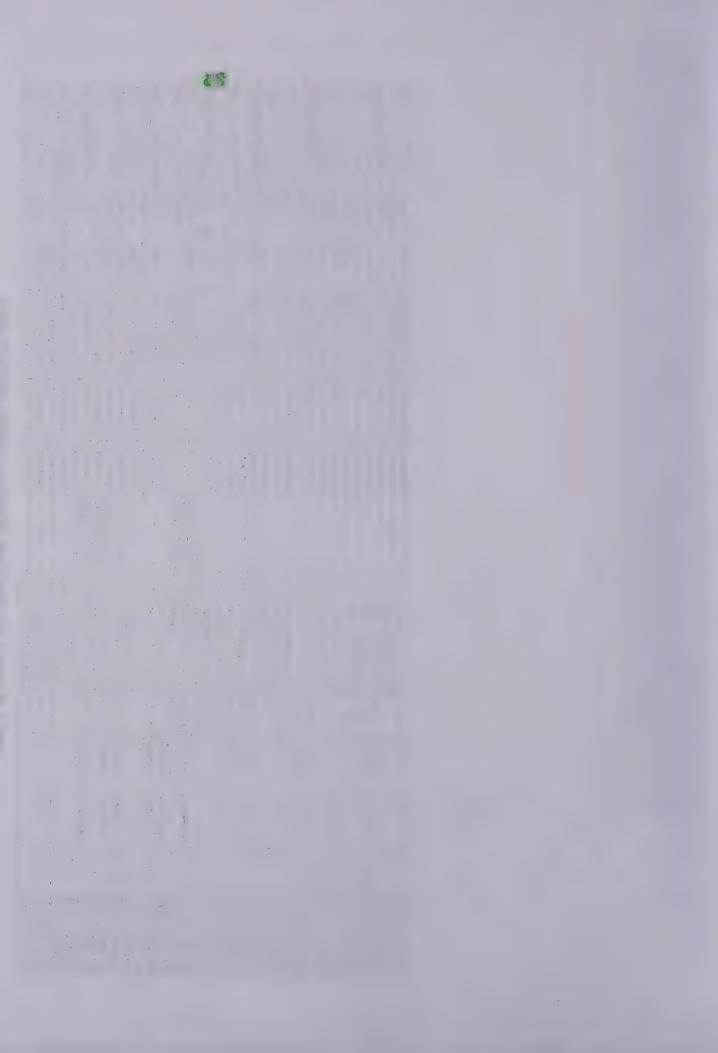
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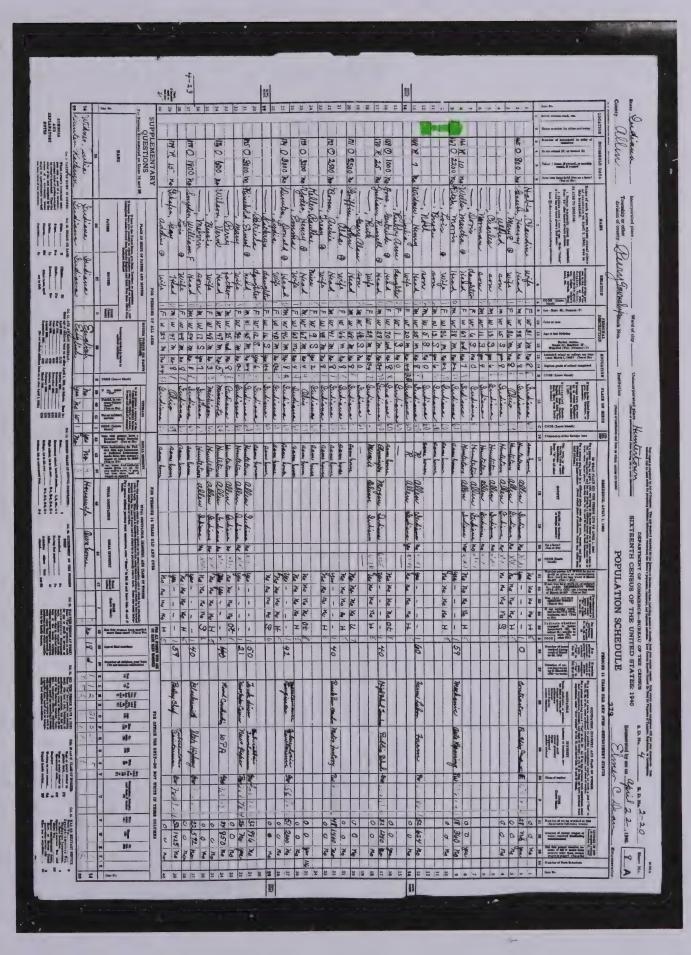
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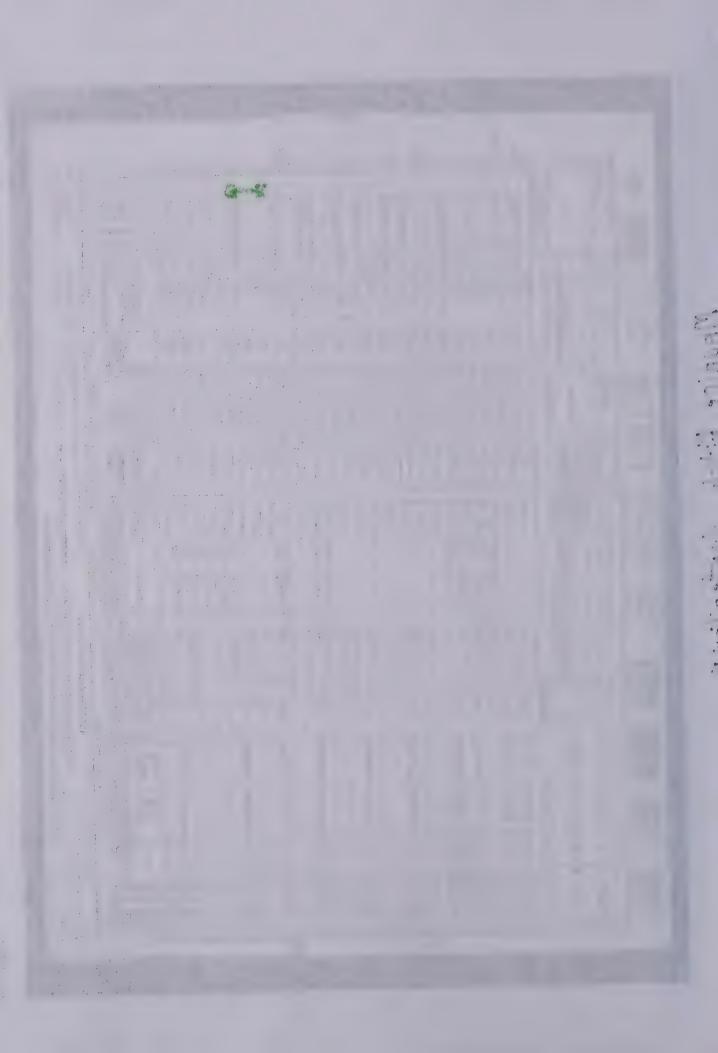
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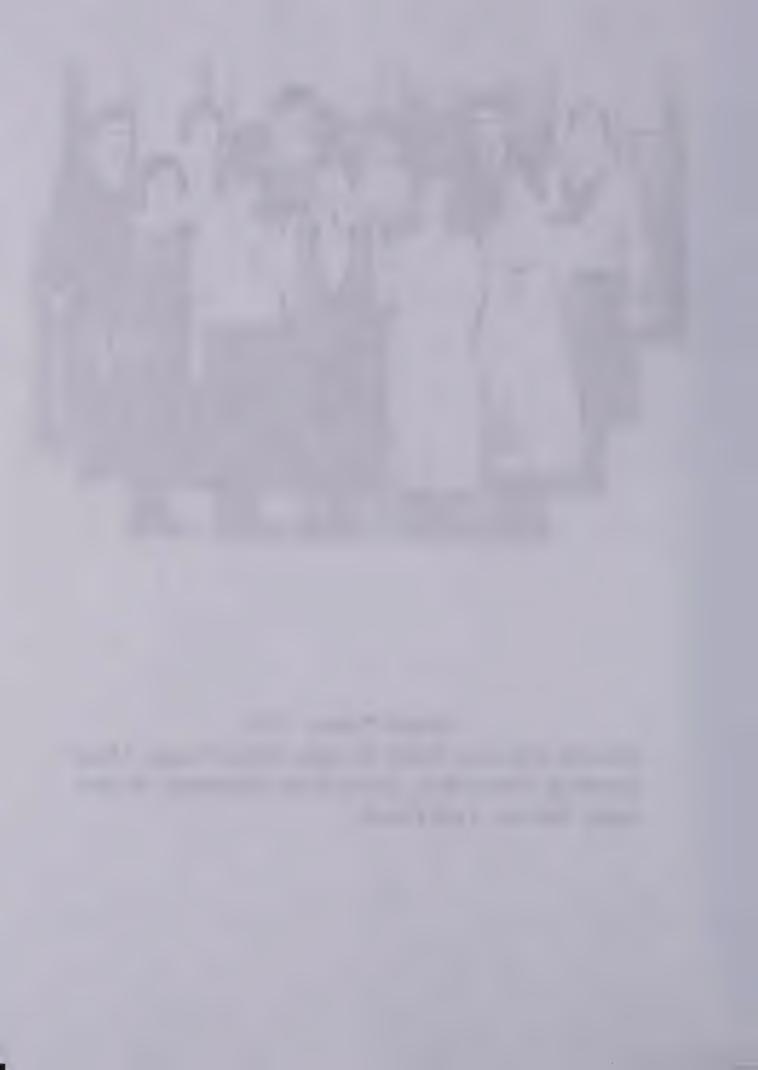
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School Picture 1924
Blanche Johnson, Ralph Straiglo, Elsie Flaugh, Maud
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### School Picture 1924

Back Row: Eugene Rinehold, Walter Pepple, Ernest Warner, George Kell, Jacob Kell, Cleo Simon, Alva DeBolt, Raymond Smith

First Row: Crystal Simon, Mary Ellen Kell, Edna Bosler, Maud Hawkins, Eilene Kistler, Dorothy Clark Birth: Jan. 16, 1843

Perry Township Allen County Indiana, USA

Dec. 10, 1923 Death:

Perry Township Allen County Indiana, USA

Mathias Fitch was the son of Nathanial Fitch and Sarah DeLong. He married Frances VanDolah, daughter of James and Rebecca VanDolah, December 1, 1867.

Their children were: Lucy Fitch: Schuyler Fitch John Byron Fitch Walter Van Twiller Fitch Florence Bessie Fitch Nathaniel Fitch Grace Fitch Althea Creola Fitch Beatrice Victoria Fitch

Family links:

Spouse: Frances Vandolah Fitch (1843 - 1923)\*

\*Calculated relationship

Burial:

Huntertown Cemetery Old Huntertown

Allen County Indiana, USA Plot: Lot 278A

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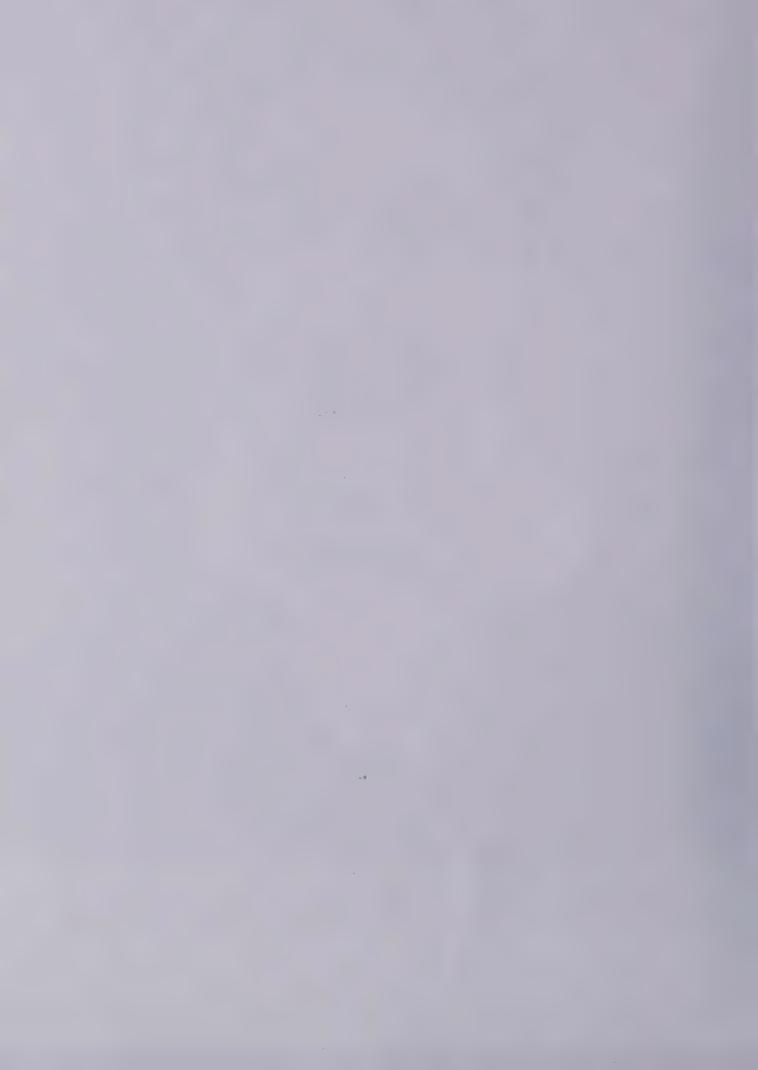


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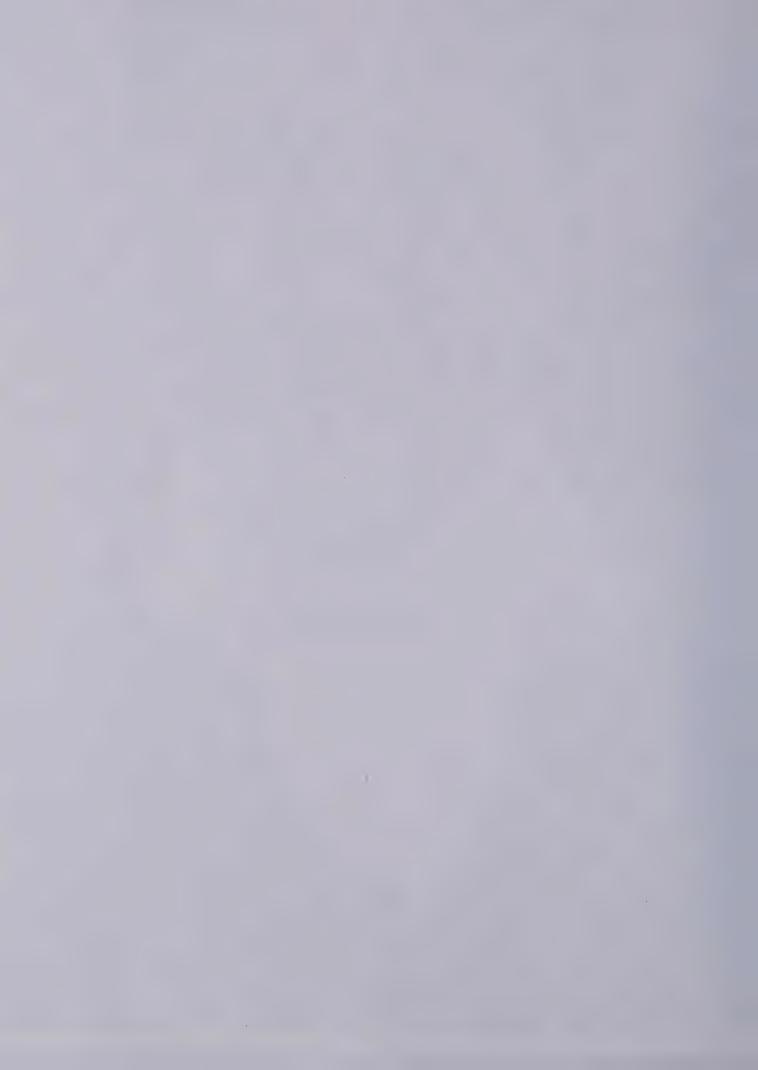


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## PERRY FITCH FAMILY

# FRONT ROW

Claude Fitch, Pearl Fitch, Fred Fitch and Victor Fitch, Grandchildren.

# SECOND ROW

Etta Fitch, Oliver's wife holding Mable Fitch Perry Fitch and Wife Sarah Elizabeth Gloyd Fitch Lucinda Fitch, Wife of William Fitch Anne Fitch, Wife of Bert C. Fitch holding Ivan Fitch

# THIRD ROW

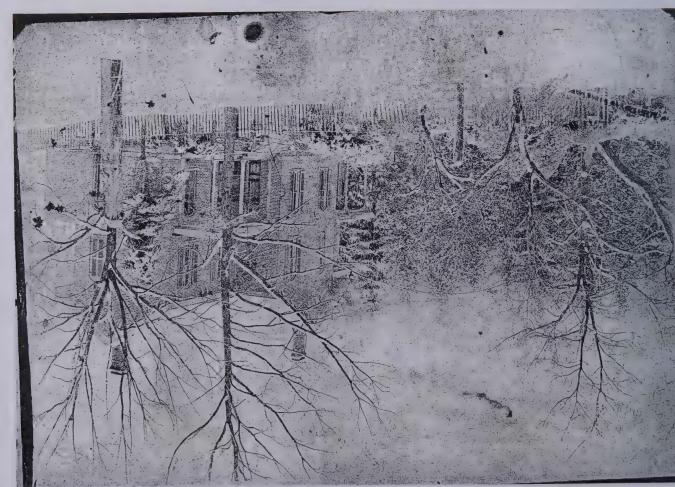
Oliver Fitch, Kelsey Fitch, George Fitch, William Fitch, Bert C. Fitch and Frank Fitch

This Picture was taken in 1899 at the Perry Fitch Home in Butler Township, DeKalb County, Ind.

PERRY FITCH, the eldest son of Nathaniel Fitch and Sarah Elizabeth Delong married Sarah, daughter of George and Magdalena Gloyd and reared eight of their twelve children.

Mr. Fitch was twelve years a Justice of the Peace. Their Home was in Butler Township, DeKalb County, Indiana.





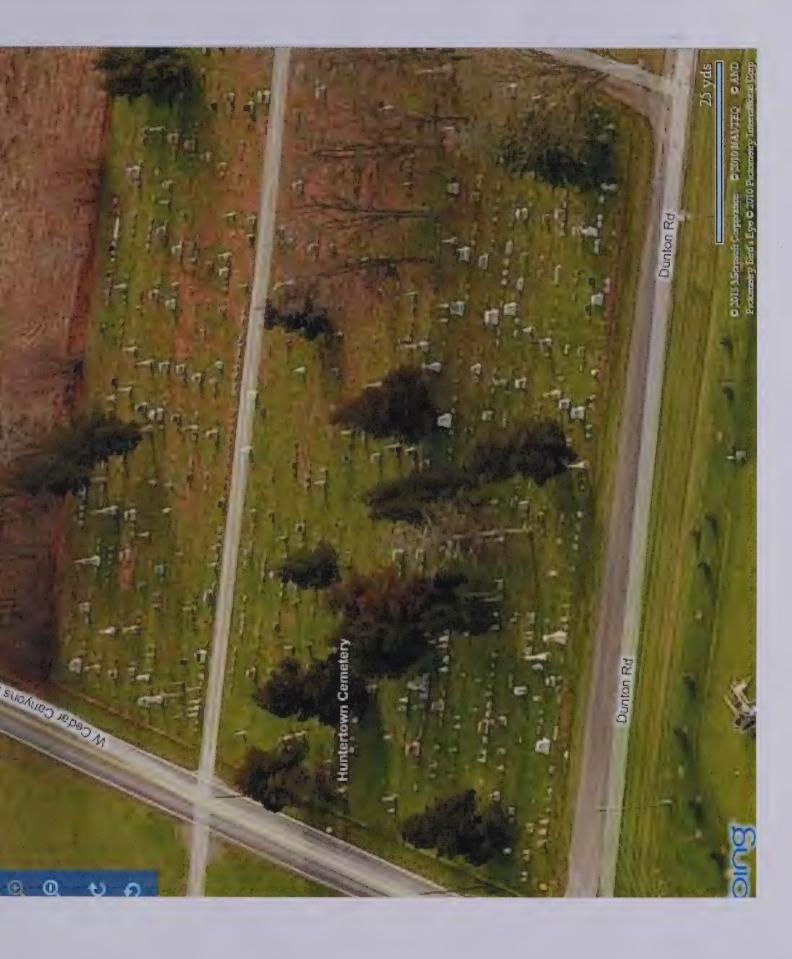














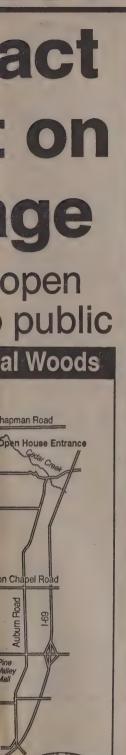




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Mary Ellen Arnold, a descendant of one of the first families to settle in north-

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ern Allen County, sold ACRES, a local preservation group, the 80-acre Bicentennial Woods to save the property from destruction. Because of bridge construction, a temporary entrance will be used for the open house. The temporary entrance is on Cold-

water Road, just south of Shoaff Road. A walk through the Bicentennial Woods is a walk through the early history of northern Allen County as seen through the eyes of one of its first families.

Nathaniel Fitch Jr. and Sarah Elizabeth Delong were married June 4, 1840. The

He settled in Wabash, establishing a blacksmith shop. He made all the ironwork for the canal locks between Wabash and Fort Wayne, according to a family history.

As the canal moved east, Nathaniel and his blacksmith shop moved with it.

Sarah Delong, upset with a brother, ran away from her home near Dayton to Penn-

A neighbor family, the Cumstocks, were



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# REAL

# Right trees cool house in summer, warm it during winter

By JAMES DULLEY

Q. I want to landscape my yard with more trees to block the sun's heat in the summer and reduce global warming. I still want to get as much free solar heat as possible in the winter. What do you suggest? — W.M.

A. With the proper selection and location of trees, you can lower your heating and cooling costs as much as 20 percent.

One large tree can produce as much cooling in a single day as running a large room air conditioner.

A tree cools by a natural process

called transpiration.

As moisture evaporates from the leaves, they cool down, just like when you perspire. This can lower the air temperature near a tree by 10 degrees.

Combining this with shading, the total

heat reduction is significant.

Global warming (greenhouse effect)



can be reduced by planting

Trees consume carbon dioxide and produce oxygen. Also, by reducing electricity usage, less carbon dioxide

is emitted from electric power plants.

The goal of efficient landscaping is to block the winter winds and summer sun while letting the winter sun and summer breezes through.

In general, this includes planting deciduous trees (ones that lose their leaves) on the east and west sides of your house and evergreens to the north.

When selecting trees, it is important to consider the height and shape of the tree as it matures.

This allows you to determine how many to plant and how far to locate them from your house to get adequate shading.

The growth rate and winter hardiness are also important selection criteria.

In all but the most northern climates, trees planted to the south are not very effective for shading.

The summer sun is high in the southern sky, and it shines over most

# 160-acre t sheds ligh local herit

# Preservation group t **Bicentennial Woods**

By JAY MARGOLIS

Staff Writer

It cost Nathaniel Fitch \$200 to buy the west half of the northeast quarter of section nine in township 32 north of Range 12 East from Wesley and Sophia Park on Jan.

In English, that was 160 acres on the west side of what is now Coldwater Road in the Cedar Canyons area of northern Allen County.

Fitch, who owned about 2,200 acres in the area, which extended into DeKalb County, gave the 160 acres to his youngest

son, David, an Auburn veterinarian.

David transferred half the property in 1893 to his brother, Harvey, and kept the other 80 acres.

David's property was purchased by Frederick Kell and his wife, Bessie, David Fitch's niece.

Bessie's daughter, Mary Ellen Arnold, last year sold the property to ACRES, a lo-cal preservation group, as the Bicentennial

The Arnold family wanted the woods to remain in its natural state, and made ACRES prove itself.

"It is the last piece of virgin timber in Allen County," said Eli Arnold, one of Mary Ellen's sons. "Without a secure place for it to go, it would be gone.

You can't start a forest over, especially one like that. You can't get 200-year-old trees to grow like that. They talk about saving rain forests. Maybe they ought to look

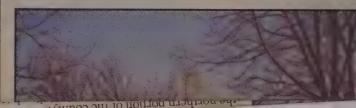
'We feel very confident that it's in good hands. We felt this was a good place to go.

Next Sunday ACRES is hosting an open house for the woods, from 1 to 5 p.m.

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The Bicentenn side of Shoaff R Coldwater Road.



Dear Betty Fitch,

Thank you for keeping the information for the Charles Fitch genealogy up to date. Here is the information for the family of Bette Mae Harvey and Rev. Dwight Ralph Chamberlain:

New address for Bette and Dwight Chamberlain: 19130 Homestead Circle Eden Prairie, MN 55346

Children of Bette and Dwight Chamberlain:

Address for Scott Dwight Chamberlain: 27 Charter Oak Place #E Hartford, CT 06106

Kay Bette Chamberlain married Scott Michael Wiens on July 13, 1996. Scott Michael Wiens, Date of birth - June 3, 1971 in St. Paul, Minnesota. Kay and Scott Wiens' children:

Jared Scott Wiens, Date of birth - January 20, 1999 in Edina, Minnesota. Tyler Michael Wiens, Date of birth - August 17, 2001 in Edina, Minnesota. Blake Kaleb Wiens, Date of birth - June 16, 2006 in Edina, Minnesota. Address for Kay and Scott Wiens:

7081 Quantico Lane North Maple Grove, MN 55311.

Karen Mae Chamberlain married David Roger Felker, Jr. on July 27, 1996. David Roger Felker, Date of birth - May 23, 1967 in Winfield, Illinois. Karen and David Felker's twin daughters:

Trista Mae Felker, Date of birth - August 7, 2002 in Winfield, Illinois. Alicia Karen Felker, Date of birth - August 7, 2002 in Winfield, Illinois.

Address for Karen and David Felker:

202 South Lorraine Road Wheaton, IL 60187

Sincerely,

Bette Mae (Harvey) Chamberlain

Bette M. Chamberlain

19130 Homestead Circle Eden Prairie, MN 55346

Telephone - 1-952-937-6160

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Address for Sue and Howard Shirley: 4516 Badger Terrace St. Joseph, MO 64506

Child of Sue and Howard Shirley:

Brian Daniel Shirley 3015 Penn St. Joseph, M0 64507

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Sue Alice (Harvey) Shirley 4516 Badger Terrace

St. Joseph, M0 64506

1 (816) 232-2554 until May 1, 2007 1 (816) 232-2599 after May 1, 2007

Please note the following changes on the Charles Fitch family:

Luann Clubb was born 11/27/1846 Morgan Co., IN (see marriage certificate in Fitch Newsletters)

Stella Fitch was born 1/31/1869 Keokuk Co., IA

Rosie May Fitch was born 3/16/1870 in Sigourney, Keokuk Co., IA (see birth certificate)

Kenneth Fitch Harvey died on October 5, 1987.

Bernice Alberta Harvey died on August 13, 2003.

Dr. Robert Lee Hart died on July 20, 2001.

James Robert Hart was born 8-21-1993 in Orange Park, Florida. not Tallahassee.

Note addition of middle names on all of Luann, Bette, and Sue's families.

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New Address for Luann Hart: Christian Retreat 1111 Faith Circle W. #1008 Bradenton, FL 34212

Children of Luann and Robert Hart:

Paul Robert Hart married Tracey Lynn Heller on November 26, 1988. Tracey Lynn Heller, Date of birth – January 16, 1969 in Valparaiso, Indiana. Paul and Tracey Hart's children:

Andrew Paul Hart, Date of birth - June 21, 1990 in Orange Park, Florida. Kaitlyn Elizabeth Hart, Date of birth - February 14, 1992 in Orange Park, Florida. James Robert Hart, Date of birth - August 21, 1993 in Orange Park, Florida.

Address for Paul and Tracey Hart:

215 141 Court N.E. Bradenton, FL 34212

David Graham Hart married Kathryn Lynn Sheets on May 13, 1995. Kathryn Lynn Sheets, Date of birth - March 25, 1973 in Charleston, West Virginia. David and Kathryn Hart's children:

Jonathan David Hart, Date of birth - June 20, 1996 in Forest, Virginia.

Laura Grace Hart, Date of birth - October 27, 1997 in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Megan Elizabeth Hart, Date of birth - February 28, 2000 in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Abigail Rose Hart, Date of birth - August, 8, 2002 in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Address for David and Kathryn Hart:

1101 E. Grand Ave. Lynchburg, VA 24502

Sharon Luann Hart married Kevin Michael Klimchak on May 27, 1995. Kevin Michael Klimchak, Date of birth - April 17, 1973 in Jacksonville, Florida. Sharon and Kevin Klimchak's child:

Bethany Ann Klimchak, Date of birth - January 17, 2005 in Jacksonville, Florida Address for Sharon and Kevin Klimchak:

12829 Julington Forrest Drive E.

Luann's phone number is: 1 (941) 748-0164.

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Nathaniel & Sarah DeLong Fitch Family Reunion Address List

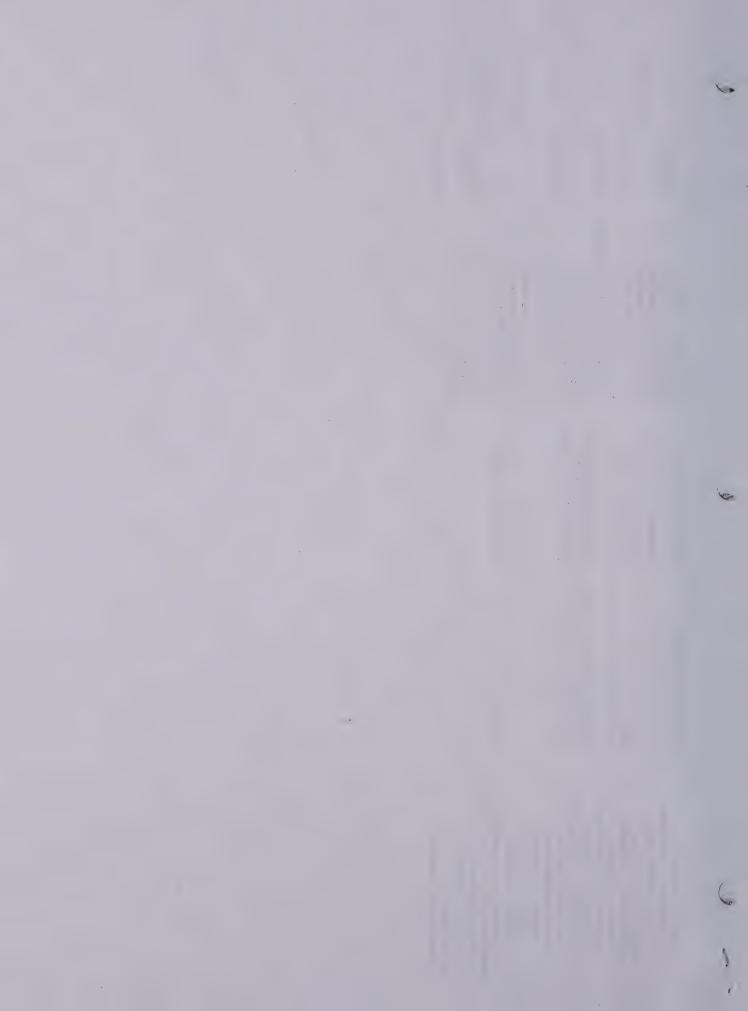
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# Descendants of Charles Fitch

1 Charles Fitch b: March 29, 1846 in Perry Township, Allen County, Indiana d: August 21, 1925 in South St. Paul, .. +Lou Ann Clubb m: April 26, 1868 b: November 27, 1846 in Morgan County, Indiana d: March 16, 1943 in South St. Paul, Minnesota ...... 2 Stella Fitch b: January 31, 1869 in Keokuck County, Iowa d: January 31, 1869 in Keokuck County, Iowa was either stillborn or died at birth ...... 2 Rosie May Fitch b: March 16, 1870 in Sigourney, Keokuck County, Iowa d: October 24, 1966 in Minneapolis, Minnesota +Peter Harvey m: October 08, 1893 in South St. Paul at the home of her parents b: October 02, 1868 in Waverly, Iowa (Andrew "Peter") d: May 11, 1956 05, 1987 in Minneapolis, Minnesota ...... +Doris Genevieve Hazelton m: June 16, 1934 ..... \*2nd Wife of Kenneth Fitch Harvey: ...... +Bernice Alberta Rice Wire m: December 18, 1937 in Denver, Colorado (aunt Doll's apartment) b: June 10, 1912 in Medicine Bow, Wyoming at the O'Conner Hotel d: August 13, 2003 in Minneapolis, ...... 4 Luann Harvey b: May 28, 1940 in Minneapolis, Minnesota +Robert Lee Hart m: November 21, 1962 in Minneapolis, Minnesota b: January 31, 1939 d: July 20, 2001 ...... +Dwight Ralph Chamberlain m: June 18, 1965 in Minneapolis, Minnesota b: February 04, 1939 in Beatrice, Nebraska +Howard Ralph Shirley m: November 08, 1968 in Minneapolis, Minnesota b: May 06, 1937 in Oakes, North Dakota ...... 2 Nathaniel Phillip Fitch b: June 19, 1873 in Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa d: June 28, 1881 in Fremont , Iowa Township, ..... 2 Harry Fitch b: July 17, 1875 in Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa d: June 12, 1909 in Rochester, Minnesota ...... 2 Charles Oakley Fitch b: March 19, 1878 in Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa d: October 23, 1958 ...... +Genevieve S. Varien m: June 16, 1904 b: November 26, 1880 in Hastings, Minnesota d: May 18, 1948 ...... 3 Marjorie Vivian Fitch b: June 04, 1905 in St. Paul, Minnesota +Loren H. Shirk m: October 07, 1930 b: June 26, 1902 in Milledgeville, Illinois ...... 4 Ann Lucille Shirk b: December 02, 1933 in Baltimore, Maryland +Paul Morton Nobis m: June 11, 1955 b: August 06, 1933 in Cincinnati, Ohio +Billy Joe Bowling m: August 24, 1963 b; June 19, 1941 in Cincinnati, Ohio ...... 3 Elizabeth Ann Fitch b: July 05, 1915 in St. Paul, Minnesota +John William Pearson m: June 28, 1940 b: June 02, 1918 in St. Paul, Minnesota ...... 4 Jon Oakley Pearson b: November 01, 1944 ...... +Margaret Elsie Anderson m: July 28, 1979 ...... 4 Ann Elizabeth Pearson b: November 09, 1946 ...... +William Clare Milon m: June 21, 1969 +Clarence B. Kiernan m: August 08, 1945 b: October 01, 1918 in St. Paul, Minnesota ...... 4 Sarah Jane Kiernan b: June 06, 1946 in St. Paul, Minnesota ...... +Artur Xavier Lambo Vilankula m: February 10, 1968 b: January 13, 1943 in Massinga Mozambique, East Africa ...... 4 Charles Bernard Kiernan b: July 31, 1949 in Allentown, PA ...... 4 Michael Andrew Kiernan b: October 17, 1961 ...... 2 Mabel Fitch b: September 06, 1881 in Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa d: January 15, 1960 in South St. Paul, MN in the hospital ....... +Jack Durkee m: September 29, 1905 d: in died but do not have date ..... \*2nd Husband of Mabel Fitch: ......... +Art Anderson m: May 18, 1945 ...... 2 Giles J. Fitch b: November 20, 1885 in Clarksville, Butler County, Iowa d: January 31, 1942 in St. Paul, (in the hospital) Minnesota ...... +Kathryn Finnerty m: December 23, 1917

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CHARLES FITCH and bits and pieces of the family life in Minnesota. Charles was a child of Nathaniel Fitch and Sarah Elizabeth DeLong, born in Indiana, moved to Iowa, and from there went to Minneapolis.

# Wedding of Harvey - Fitch

On Sunday noon, Oct 8, at the home of the bride's father, MAYOR FITCH, of South St. Paul, Mr. PETER HARVEY was married to Miss MAY FITCH, Rev. C. A. Peddicord officiating. The happy couple left the same night for a two week's visit at the World's fair. The groom is well known here, and was for several years stenographer for the Citizen's Mutual Insuarance Co., of this city, now defunct, and now has a very lucrative position as stenographer for the John H. Rich Sewer Pipe Works, of Red Wing, Minn – Waterloo Courier.

Both parties to the above were formerly from Clarksville where they have many friends whose best wishes will follow them to their new home. (Oct 19, 1893)

From the memories of Charles Oakley Fitch as written in the Fitch Family Reunion Newsletter.

"There was a big spring on the farm, and father had it walled up so as to make a large pool some 20 feet square and 12 feet deep. He was dealing with horses then and had a big bunch of them, some of them colts by their sides. When they came to drink, it was my older brother, Nathaniel's job to see that the colts did not get kicked into the pool. One day Nat got kicked in. Father missed him and went to the pool and saw him lying on the bottom of the pool. He dove in and brought him up and with the assistance of Mother and sister, May, they rolled him over a barrel to get the water out of his lungs, but to no avail.

I can remember the funeral, as Harry (another brother) and I had new shoes and new straw hats. The casket was placed in a lumber wagon, and Nat was buried in a small country cemetery, one of the first to be buried there. Nat had just turned 8 a few days before he died."

# Waterloo, Iowa newspaper of June 30, 1881

Sad Accident - Tuesday evening, while an eight year old son of Chas. Fitch, of Fremont, was attempting to drive some colts from a spring, which is about 8 feet deep, suddenly disappeared. His father, not knowing what had become of him, started in that direction, finding the boy's hat and stick he had been carrying in his hand, floating in the spring and a bubbling in the water, sprang in to save his child. Every effort was put forth to bring him to life, but all in vain. There was no water in his lungs to indicate drowning, or scar on his person to show that he had been kicked by a cold.

(This was Rosie May's younger brother, Nathaniel, born June 19, 1873 and died June 28, 1881 at the age of 8.)

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The obituary of "Dad Harvey"......L. D. Harvey (Lorenzo Dow) father-in-law of Rosie May (Fitch) Harvey

## "DAD" HARVEY DEAD

Monday's Waterloo papers chronicle the death of L. D. HARVEY, familiarly known in Clarksville as "Dad" Harvey. He died Sunday morning. The deceased resided for many years in Clarkesville and in the days of his vigor was a prominent contractor and builder. For several years he was Butler county's bridge builder. The remains arrived here Tuesday on No. 1 on the B., C. R. & N. and were taken directly to Lynwood Cemetery for interment. Short services were held at the grave, conducted by Rev. George Graham. The Courier gives this biography of the deceased:

"Yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, MRS. FRANK ANIBAL, 1601 Jefferson street, occurred the death of Lorenzo Dow Harvey. Mr. Harvey was a veteran soldier with a record of many battles. He was one of Uncle Sam's boys in the Mexican war and under the Union flag served the five years of the civil war, at the close of which, in 1865, he came to Iowa, where he had since made his home.

Mr. Harvey was born in Dayton, Ohio, May 20th, 73 years ago. He was married in Musser county, Ohio, in 1858, and is survived by the following children:

PETER HARVEY of Minneapolis, now in this city

MRS. JENNIE ANIBAL of this city with whom he has made his home for the past 5 years JOHN W., of Cedar Falls

MRS. JOANNA LUCKHART of Ohio MRS. ZELLA MILLEN of Clarksville

His death came as no surprise to his friends as he had been fighting against consumption for a number of years and for the past two months had been unable to leave his bed.

A short funeral service will be held tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock from the house when the body will be taken to Clarkesville for burial. Clarksville was really Mr. Harvey's home for there he had lived for the greater number of his Iowa days."

CHARLES FITCH from the book MINNESOTA AND ITS PEOPLE, Vol. III page 221 Published Chicago by The S. J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1924

Success is ever the outcome of persistent, intelligently directed labor. It is true that certain men profit by the efforts of others, sometimes unjustly, but in the main the prosperous man is he whose labors measure up to a high standard not only of industry but of integrity. One is led to this train of reflection in considering the life record of CHARLES FITCH, a pioneer resident of South St. Paul and founder of the stock commission firm of FITCH & COMPANY. Although now living retired from active business life, he remains a factor in the world's work, inasmuch as he gives out of the rich stores of his wisdom and experience for the benefit of others. CHARLES FITCH was born at Huntertown, Allen county, Indiana, on the 29th of March, 1846, and is one of 15 children, nine sons and 6 daughters, born to NATHANIEL and SARAH (DELONG) FITCH. The father was a skilled blacksmith and gunsmith and he built the iron works on the locks for the Erie canal. He was born in Pennsylvania, while his wife was a native of Dayton, Ohio. Of the children born to them 12 are living, the daughters and 6 of the sons.

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Not all of Mr. Fitch's time has been devoted to the promotion of his personal interests. His name and the success he has achieved is coupled with South St. Paul and its continued advancement. He assisted in the organization of the town and at times has carried the entire burden of the community's affairs on his shoulders. For several terms he was a member of the board of aldermen; he has been president of the town council; and in 1893 he was elected to the office of Mayor. He served in that capacity from 1893 until 1895 and during his administration inaugurated and brought to completion many movements for the benefit of the community at large. It was during that period that the present city hall was built. Mr. Fitch is one of the city's oldest living residents and such is accorded universal confidence and esteem.

On the 26th of April, 1868, in Iowa, MR. FITCH was married to MISS LUANN CLUBB. Mrs. Fitch was born in Morgan county, Indiana, on the 27th of November, 1846, the daughter of PHILLIP and EMILY (RANDOLPH) CLUBB. The Clubb family moved from Indiana to Keokuk, Iowa, when Mrs. Fitch was a child of 2 years. She was one of 11 children, two of whom are living, a sister, MRS. MARY SHAWHAN being a resident of Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Fitch has always led an active life, and although 76 years of age she is enjoying the best of health and continues to do her own housework. Mr. Fitch and his wife are both descendants of Revolutionary ancestors. The four living children of Mr. and Mrs. Fitch are:

MRS. ROSA MAY HARVEY CHARLES OAKLEY MRS. MABEL DURKEE GILES FITCH

The eldest daughter, Rosa May, was born on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 1870, and on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, 1893, became the wife of PETER HARVEY. To their union one son has been born, KENNETH, who was born in August, 1908.

Charles Oakley Fitch, the second member of the family, was born in Butler county, Iowa, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, 1878. He was married on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June, 1904, to MISS GENEVIEVE VARION and to their union 3 daughters have been born: MARJORY, whose birth occurred in 1905; ELIZABETH ANN, who was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 1915; and LUCILE, born in

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February 1917. Mrs. Fitch is a member of the Presbyterian church and has always been active in the various affairs of the church.

Fraternally Mr. Fitch is identified with the Fellowcraft Masons and is readily conceded to be an exemplary member of the craft. His political allegiance has ever been given to the democratic party, of which he has been an influential member for many years. Mr. Fitch is a man of strong and forceful individuality and has left the impress of his personality upon the commercial and industrial development of this city.

Various items I might want to incorporate in a story of the Charles Fitch family

#### KENNETH FITCH HARVEY

1929 graduate of University of Minnesota

Business owner of Hardware business (Harvey Hardware)

Worked Strutware Knitting in 1929

Played the piano by ear

Kenneth was born 14 years after Peter and Rosie May were married.

Skipped a grade in grade school.

Was able to pay college costs for their 3 daughters.

#### BERNICE ALBERTA RICE WIRE

High School cheerleader

Church Secretary and deacon

Co-owner of Hardware business

Presbyterian

Born at her grandmother's O'Conner Hotel

Lived in a log cabin on her parent's Wyoming homestead

## ROSIE MAY (FITCH) HARVEY

Born Keokuk Co., Iowa

Was a teacher and worked for Knitting Co. in 1930 (saleslady)

Teacher for 5 years

Presbyterian

When brother Nathaniel was drowned at the age of 8 years, "an angel came to Rosie

May some time after his death and told her it wasn't her fault."

# ANDREW "PETER" HARVEY

Born Oct. 2, 1868 in Waverly, Iowa

Called "Pop Pops"

Married Oct. 8, 1893 and went to World's Fair for honeymoon.

(that is surprising that the fair was on as late as October??)

also may be they stayed with "Aunt Barbara" in Chicago

Both Peter and Rose buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, South St. Paul, MN

Peter was a lumber company bookkeeper

His parents were Lorenzo Dow Harvey and Mary Jane Beetle

Peter built several homes in Minneapolis and Bernice, dau-in-law, helped him.

## LU ANN CLUBB FITCH

Lu Ann did all her own housekeeping well into her 70's. At the age of 94 she made an affidavit to the Minn. Department of Health stating that Rosie May Harvey was her daughter. This allowed Rosie May, age 70, to have a birth certificate.

Rosie May tells the story of their riding in a covered wagon to Minnesota from Iowa.

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This was about 1887. They were chased by Indians and her mother's tulip bulbs fell out of the wagon. She felt so bad. (who felt bad?? Prob. both of them)

Born Nov. 27, 1846 at Morgan Co., IN (Penn Dutch)

Had 10 brothers and sisters

1924 there were just two of them left. LuAnn and sister Mary Shawhan of L.A.

Married April 26, 1868

Died March 16, 1943 South St. Paul

Burial at Oak Hill Cemetery, South St. Paul

Served as a midwife

Children:

STELLA and she died young

ROSIE MAY who married Peter Harvey (info above)

NATHANIEL "NATE", P. who was drowned at the age of 8 years

HARRY

Was a bookkeeper for the stockyards

Died in his 30's

CHARLES OAKLEY who married Genevieve S. Varian

Continued the Fitch Company business

MABEL who married Jack Durkee and Art Anderson but had no children.

Mabel laughed a lot

GILES J. who married F. Kathryn Finnerty. Also took over the Fitch Co. business with his brother, Charles Oakley

### CHARLES FITCH

Born March 29, 1846 at Perry Township, Allen Co., IN

Married April 26, 1868 at Keokuk Co., Iowa at the bride's mother's home.

Charles and Lu Ann built a 1-room log cabin in Iowa - had 200 acre farm

He was Mayor of South St. Paul for 2 years, 1893-1895

He was a Democrat, and a Fellowcraft Mason

Educated at Perry Center Seminary and the Fort Wayne College

Picture in "Men of Minnesota"

Biography in "Minnesota and her People"

### LORENZO DOW HARVEY (father of Peter)

Born May 20, 1829 in Dayton, Ohio, Athens Co.

Married about 1858 at Musser Co., OH

Died July 22, 1900 at Waterloo, Iowa

Buried Lynwood Cemetery, Clarksville, IN (Lot 3, Block 4)

Was a prominent contractor, builder of bridges and court house

Was in the Civil War and the Mexican War

Lorenzo died of consumption at his daughter Jennie's home

### MARY JANE BEETLE

Born Aug. 2, 1842 at Bedford, PA Died Feb. 25, 1928 at Waterloo, Iowa Lived Penn., Ohio, Tenn., and Iowa

Children:

JENNIE who married Frank Anibal PETER who married Rosie May Fitch JOHN W.

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Other items she wrote in her letter to me that I need to save.

The Union Stock yards in So. St. Paul, MN were built in 1886

CHARLES FITCH, his brother, ALLEN, and LOUIS PALMER were the first livestock brokers in the "hamlet"

Charles Fitch moved from Iowa to establish the firm of Fitch Brothers Commission Merchants. Family members gave Charles and Allen equal billing.

In 1924 Fitch and Company was taken over by two of Charle's sons, Charles Oakley and Giles.

Sue Shirley: "As a youngster I played in Allen and Em's home and remember a full sized black bear skin on the floor under the stairs. We loved to pet it.

One Christmas we all went to see Al and Em. (Kenneth, Bernice, and the 3 of us girls, and Peter and Rosie May Harvey). We were told Em was quite sick. I remember seeing her in bed downstairs and her white hair appeared yellow to me and I told her it was Christmas. She smiled and said, "OH, I haven't done any baking." I believe she must have died that winter.....poss. 1948-49?

Rosie May, my grandma, wrote in Peter's autograph book in Clarksville, Iowa, Oct. 4, 1881

Peter....

When you are in California Think sometimes of Win and May Although you can not see us Because you are so far away Your friend, May Fitch, age 11

A favorite story about Peter Harvey is that he would ice skate on the river in order to get to Rosie's Iowa home. Rosie and Peter were married Oct. 8, 1893, at her parent's home in St. Paul. Her father was mayor at the time. They left on a 2-week honeymoon to Chicago's World Fair. Information about where they stayed is unclear, but it is interesting that Jenny and Levi Beers used their North Harvey, Illinois home as a hotel for the 1893 World's Fair.

### World's Fair information:

Entrance fee was 50 cents

Attendance for Oct. 9, largest day was 700,000 people

Attractions: First ferris wheel, first elevated electric rail road, moveable sidewalks

(3 to 6 mph, Kinetograph

Introduced: Cracker Jacks, Aunt Jemima Syrup, Cream of wheat, Shredded wheat

Juicy Fruit Gum, first hamburgers, diet carbonated soda.

Kenneth Harvey, my dad, worked for Strutware Knitting. He started in June 1929 after graduating in business in 1929 from the University of Minnesota. He was a salesman traveling Nebraska, Colorado, and Wyoming. Without paved mountain roads or side rails for protectin his travels were often a challenge. Sometimes snow storms or a herd of sheep

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would cover the road and stop him. Mountain tunnels were very crude and all of this left a toll on him. In later years he very seldom wanted to go to the Rocky Mountains.

Ken met Bernice, a saleslady in a Colorado store he made deliveries of merchandise to. When they started dating he often said "See you in 60 days." That is how long it took him to make a complete circuit and return to the store she worked at. Much later as their girls grew they would still say "See you in 60 days!" whenever they wanted to tease us.

Alice Kephart, Rosie May's cousin, living in Denver, Colorado, often talked with Ken and Bernice when they dated. Bernice learned to enjoy her very much.

Luann, Bette, and Sue all became teachers. Luann and Bette married ministers, and Sue married a son of a minister who preaches as a lay person and is a Christian Counselor. After the two oldest were married, my mom's "mother", (great aunt who raised her) said, "Bern, you aren't going to make Sue marry a minister too are you?" This is funny, because we all freely chose our spouses.

We were close with Rosie May and Peter and Rosie's sister, Mabel and Art Anderson. We all went to a lake cabin one summer for maybe a week. We did catch oodles of sun fish. I believe Eva Dunn was dad's relative who kept a running count of all the fish she fried -100 or more. It was fun. I must have been about 4 or 5 (1947 and 48)

Later, Dad and Mom bought a church and made it into a "Harvey Hardware Store." They sold it about 1958. Dad invested in real estate in Edina, MN, and did well.

I have Charles Fitches 1862 PRACTICAL GRAMMER book, Nat and Harry's 1<sup>ST</sup> BOOK IN ARITHMETIC, 1878, LuAnn Fitch's wooden walker and treadle sewing machine. It was given to mom when my sister was born in 1940. Also, LuAnn's lovely wooden chest of drawers.......and a pic poke......a long wooden tapered stick with metal at both ends. It is 34 ½ inches long. I believe it was either Harry's or belonged to Charles.

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Sue Shirley's things on the ancestors......plus possible sources (probably nothing new)

### NATHANIEL FITCH, JR.

Blacksmith, gunsmith, cane mill

Helped start Perry Center Seminary (NW corner Coldwater and Gump)

Residences: PA, Wabash, IN and Huntertown, IN (Perry Township)

Democrat, pro-education

Wheat and sheep farmer and wool-carding

Anti-slavery and never did a mean trick in business

### Sources:

1850 census

1870 census (Sarah's date of birth)

Fitch newsletters, 1997, fall 1993, Winter 2000

Sarah donated organ and bell for Cemetery Church 1884

(church noted on maps as Presbyterian and Methodist)

Charles Fitch family Bible

Pictorial History of Fort Wayne by Griswold Page 17

### SARAH ELIZABETH DELONG

Born May 29, 1818 near Dayton, Ohio, Miami Co. (actually Bethel township)

German Reformed Church

Loved piano and horses

Died Sept. 2, 1908 at home; heart attack

Was a Midwife; did not agree with spanking

Could hardly read or write; learned some as she grew older

Affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church

Parents: George DeLong and Elizabeth Statler

Likely a twin of Ellen DeLong who married John Surface

Wove sheep's wool, washed clothes in the creek, carried water up the hill to house,

Cooked in a fireplace.

First home log cabin was 14 x 16 with 2 trundle beds and a ladder to the loft

Ida said she was "doctor, nurse, preacher, teacher"

"Sarah Elizabeth DeLong Fitch was "a lady of many noble traits of character and was highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends. A Christian lady, a devoted wife and a loving mother, religious and charitable nature and her life was full of good deeds, for she gave with an open hand to the poor and needy. The call of the sick and suffering was answered by her presence and often as both physician and nurse. Her influence and help has been far reaching through her long life and it can be said of her that she did what she could."

Question: Sarah's grandfather GEORGE STATLER, fought in the war of 1812. I have never found the connection to a George Statler. It appears that Sarah's grandfather may have been Chrisopher Statler. If so, she then had a brother, George, though too young to have fought in the War of 1812.

### PERRY FITCH

Born in the log cabin home, Jan. 6, 1842

Drafted into Civil War; father paid money so he didn't have to go.

### MATHIAS FITCH

Taught a weekly bookkeeping class

Marksman and ran the saw mill

Eyes were slightly crossed but it didn't stop his good marksmanship

MARY JANE BEERS

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Died at her daughter's home Neenah, Wisc.

Levi Beers was a minister for 19 + years

Used North Harvey, Ill, home as a "hotel" for the 1893 World's Fair

Son Ken had some windows that were shot by Dillinger's gang's machine gun.

### **NANCY FITCH**

Born March 16, 1848

Died Sept 1, 1848at the age of 5 1/2 months of cholera

### CHARLES FITCH

Bought land from parent in Butler, Iowa, 280 acres at \$1 an acre \$2,800

Charles and LuAnn moved to Iowa in a prairie schooner

They heated their log cabin with twists of hay

He taught school in Indiana and in Iowa 1863-1874

They had songfests with their neighbors.

### AMOS "AME" FITCH

Was a lodge member

Loved cigars and fishing

Built brick house on Co. Line Rd. with water and electricity (1878).

He was an inventor

Plowed with horses only

Rolland his son was a college graduate

At age 81 he finally got some help with his farm

### FITELIA "FI" FITCH

Born April 10, 1851

Married Jerome Gloyd

Still born in log home

She was a twin, and while they said Jennie was a lady, the twins were "huskies"

They worked hard

Fitelia sewed a suit for her father, Nathaniel

Stopped going to school at age 10

### FRANCELIA "FRANK" FITCH

Born in the log home yet in 1851

She stopped going to school at the age of 10

Moved to Alden, Kansas, with husband Christian Norman Fair

### HARVEY "HARVE" FITCH

Harvey was the last child born in the log home, in 1853

Indicates that the house was built between 1853 and 1855 when Sarah E. was born

Married Permelia Etta Parker.

He owned old church building in Fort Wayne (has to be Huntertown)

The home they lived in at Huntertown was on the north side of Cedar Canyons Rd.

I don't know if it ever was a church. Will need to check that out on the maps.

### SARAH ELIZABETH FITCH

Sade" born March 29, 1855

First child born in the new frame house on the homestead

Married Irvin F. Stratton who was a judge, and killed in an accident

Sarah died in Florida at the age of 103 (need to check this info)

Supposedly Irvin was an underground RR conductor at Hopewell

Sarah and Emma had a double wedding, December 28, 1881

### **ALLEN FITCH**

Married Emma L. Green

Born in frame house on homestead

Co-owner of FITCH & COMPANY, of So. St. Paul, MN

Was a Mason

No children

### IDA ALICE FITCH

Married Melville A. Mason

She taught country school. He was a dentist.

She was a "tomboy"

No children

### EMELINE "EMMA" FITCH

Born at Homestead

Was sickly as a child

Double wedding with her sister, Sarah Elizabeth

Lived at New Haven

### JOHN FITCH

Born Feb. 14, 1864 at the new homestead house

Died May 19, 1870 at the age of 6 years

### DAVID NATHANIEL FITCH

Born Feb. 13, 1865

Was a dentist and veterinarian

Died April 4, 1950 at Hicksville, OH

Was a Regulator with Mathias

### NATHANIEL FITCH, SR.

Born Feb. 12, 1781 or 82 in Connecticut

Married August 29, 1801 in Falls Township, Wyoming Co., PA (may still have been

Luzerne at that time.)

Successful farmer

### SARAH KEELER

Born Ridgefield, Fairfield Co., CT

Church affiliation may have been at Baptist Church at Mills City

### Questions to ask Sue:

Joshua Keeler, born 1683 in the line of Paul (shouldn't that be Joseph??)

Identity of Elizabeth Statler and place of birth etc.

George DeLong, Jr. and his marriage to Mary Ann Rudy

William's marriage to Elizabeth Ann Martin

Christina did not marry a Thayer.....mistake in story

The Revolutionary War Image of Nathaniel Fitch was not of our family but probably the Nathaniel of Rev. James Fitch's family.

### Nathaniels in Rev. War:

Nathaniel, son of Elisha, son of Jeremiah, son of Rev. James

(1748 to 1814) wife Abigail

Nathaniel, son of Eleazer, son of Ebenezer, son of James, son of Rev. James

(Windham 1745, died New Haven 1798) wife, Mary Thompson

Nathaniel, son of Benajah, son of Benjamin, son of Samuel, son of Rev. James

(New London 1753, died Preston 1819) wife was Thisbe Clark

Nathaniel, son of James, son of Nathaniel, son of Rev. James Fitch

(1752-1814) possible wife Catherine (also called Jemima)

Our Nathaniels in our line were either too old or born too late.

Nathaniel, 1682 to 1743 Nathaniel, 1782 to 1839 Nathaniel born about 1735 and died 1766

Have just one Walton, NY Nathaniel and he was born too late to fight in the war.

As for the John's, Rev. James had several that did fight in the Revolution. Can't show that any of them were our John.

The closest thing we have to John that fits our description is

The fact that our John 1737 to 1815 is in the right age group
If he married Elizabeth Lockwood, several of her brothers were Tories
Both a John Fitch and a Nathan Fitch are listed on the Tory list
A John Fitch was in jail at Norwich for being a Tory
The fellows around Poplar Plains were "troublemakers" at that time
The church they went to had a notorius Tory preacher so they were exposed to that kind of thinking every Sunday.

We have no proof that he was a Tory except for such circumstantial evidence above and no proof that he might have fought in the Rev. War. However several of his fellow Tories, if he was in the group, did relent and end up serving some time for the rebels at the end.

He did not have his land in CT taken from him as many Tories did. He was not forced to flee to Canada as many did. He was able to co-exist with the folks in Wyoming Valley, PA, when he went there and many of them had family that were massacred at Wyoming Fort by the Tories and Indians. Wouldn't think they would be too kind to them. However a few other Tories did continue to live there and there are stories written about them. Never saw anything written on John Fitch.

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### **Fitch**

Home in Fremont, Butler, Iowa

1880:

Age: 34

Estimated abt 1846

birth year:

Birthplace: Indiana

Relation to

head-of- Self

household:

Spouse's Swann

name:

Father's PA

birthplace:

Mother's OH

birthplace:

Neighbors: View others on page

Occupation: Farmer

Marital Married

Status:

Race: White

Gender: Male

Cannot read/write:

Blind:

Deaf and

dumb:

View image

Otherwise

disabled:

Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:

Name	Age
Charles Fitch	34
Swann Fitch	33
Rosa M. Fitch	10
Nathaniel Fitch	6
Harry Fitch	4
Charles C. Fitch	2
Hannah Bushing	18
August Bushing	22
Allen Fitch	22



### Charl es **Fitch** Home in South Saint Paul, Dakota, Minnesota 1900: Age: 44 Estimated abt 1856 birth year: Birthplace: Indiana Relationship Head to head-ofhouse: Spouse's Luana name: Race: White Occupation: View image Neighbors: View others on page Household Age Name Members: 44 **Charles Fitch** 53 Luana Fitch 24 **Harry Fitch** 22 Oakley Fitch 18 Mabel Fitch 14 Giles Fitch 13 Catherine Schuhoke

### **Allen**

### **Fitch**

Home in South Saint Paul, Dakota, Minnesota

1920:

Age: 62 years

Estimated abt 1858

birth year:

Birthplace: Indiana

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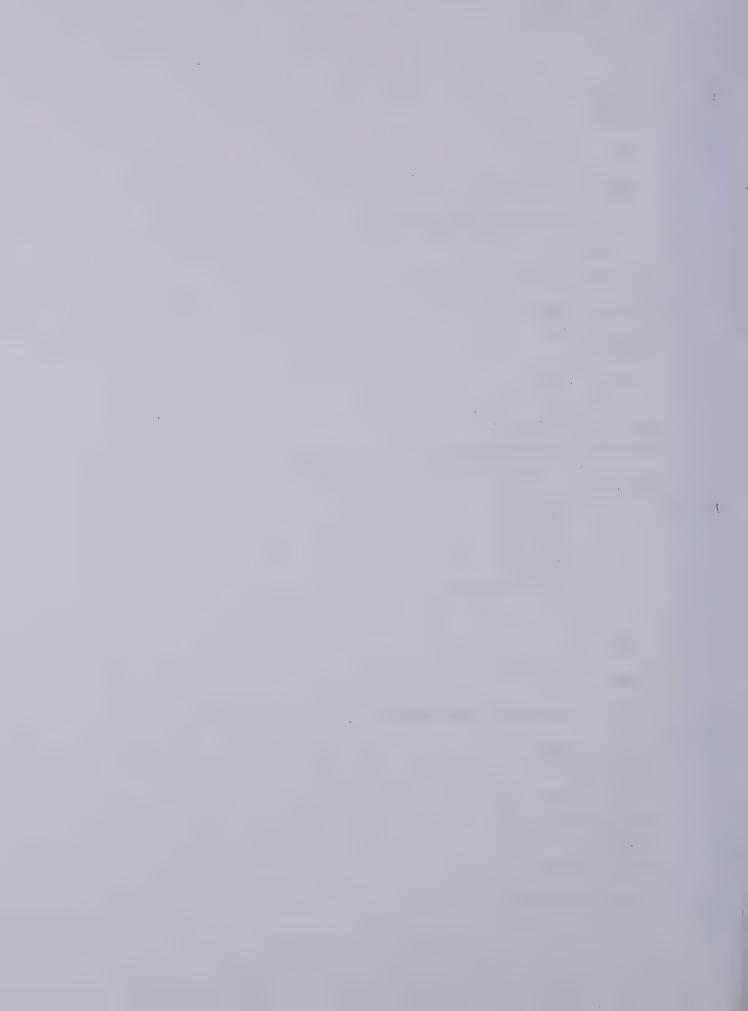
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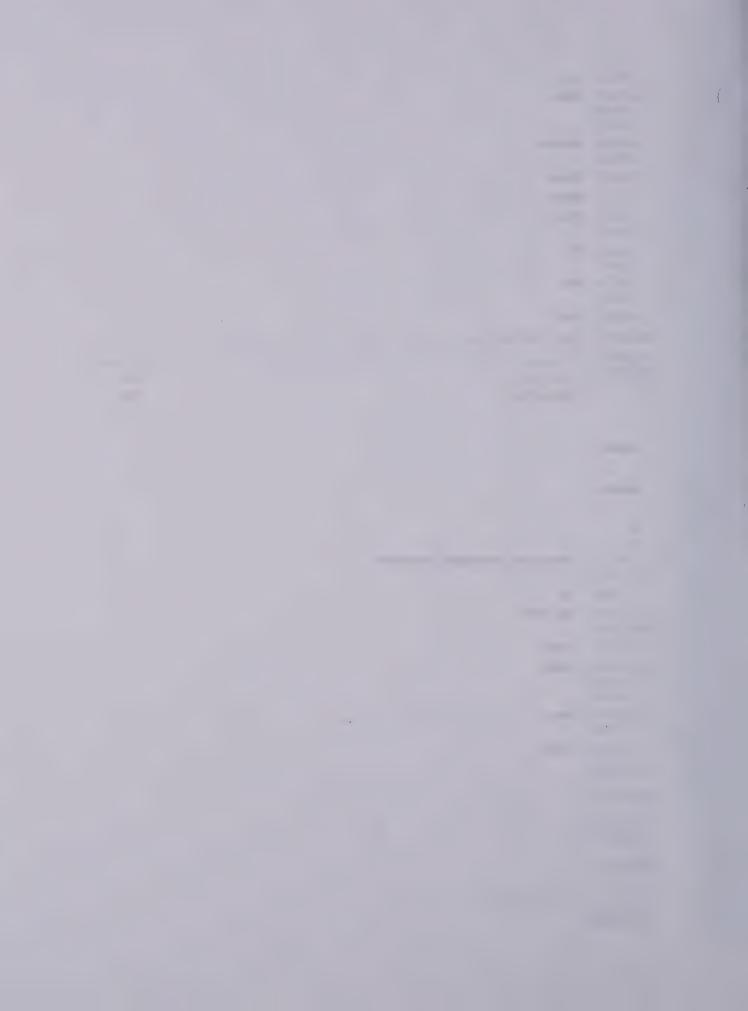
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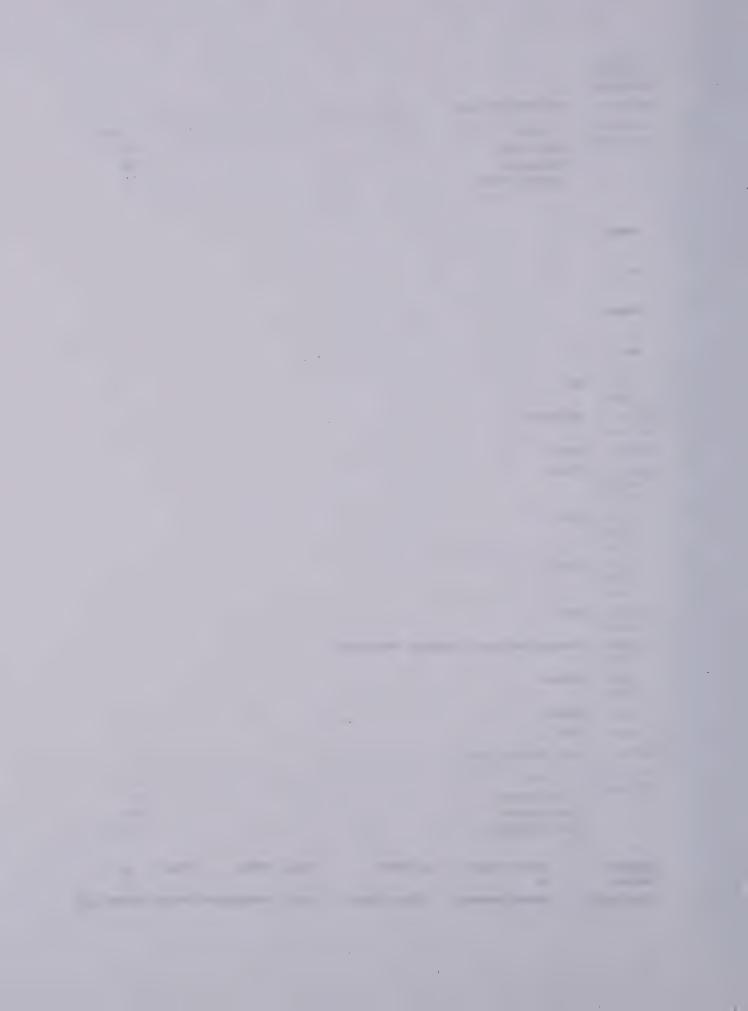
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1865 IA Jackson, Butler, White Male View Record abt Ohio Lorenzo D Harvey 1834 abt 1843 Jackson, Butler, Pennsylvania White Female View Record **Mary J Harvey** IA

A CARLON CARLON STATE

Waterloo, la newspaper

June 30, 1881

SAD ACCIDENT .- Tuesday evening, while an eight year old son of Chas. Fitch, of Frement, was attempting to drive some colts from a spring, which is about eight feet deep, suddenly disappeared. His father, not knowing what had become of him, started in that direction, finding the boy's hat and stick he had been carrying in his hand, floating in the spring and a bubbling in the water, sprang in to save his child. Every effort was put forth to bring him to life, but all in vain. There was no water in his lungs to indicate drowning, or scar on his person to show that he had been kicked by a colt.

Rosie May younger Brother nathaniel born June 19, 1873 died June 28, 1881 (age 8) "Pag" marvey Dead.

Monday's Waterloo papers chronicle the death of L. D. Harvey, familiarly known in Clarksville as "Dad" Harvey. He died Sunday morning. The deceased resided for many years in Clarksville and in the days of his vigor was a prominent contractor and builder. For several years he was Butler county's bridge builder. The remains arrived here Tuesday on No. 1 on the B., C. R. & N. and were taken directly to Lyn-wood cemetery for interment. Short services were held at the grave, conducted by Rev. Geo. Graham. The Courier gives this biography of the deceased:

"Yesterday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Anibal, 1601 Jefferson street, occurred the death of Lorenzo Dow Harvey. Mr. Harvey was a veteran soldier with a record of many battles. He was one of Uncle Sam's boys in the Mexican war and under the Union flag served the five years of the civil war, at the close of which, in 1865, he came to Iowa, where he had since

made his home.

Mr. Harvey was born in Dayton, Ohio, May 20th, seventy-three years ago. He was married in Musser county, Ohio, in 1858, and is survived by the following children: Peter, of Minneapolis, now in this city; Mrs. Jennie Anibal of this city, with whom he has made his home for the past five years; John W., of Cedar Falls; Mrs. Joanna Luckhart, of Ohio, and Mrs. Zelia Millen, of Clarksville. His death came as no surprise to his friends as he had been fighting against consumption for a number of years and for the past two months had been unable to leave his bed.

A short funeral service will be held to morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock from the house when the body will be taken to Clarksville for burial. Clarksville was really Mr. Harvey's home for there he had lived for the greater number of his

Iowa days."

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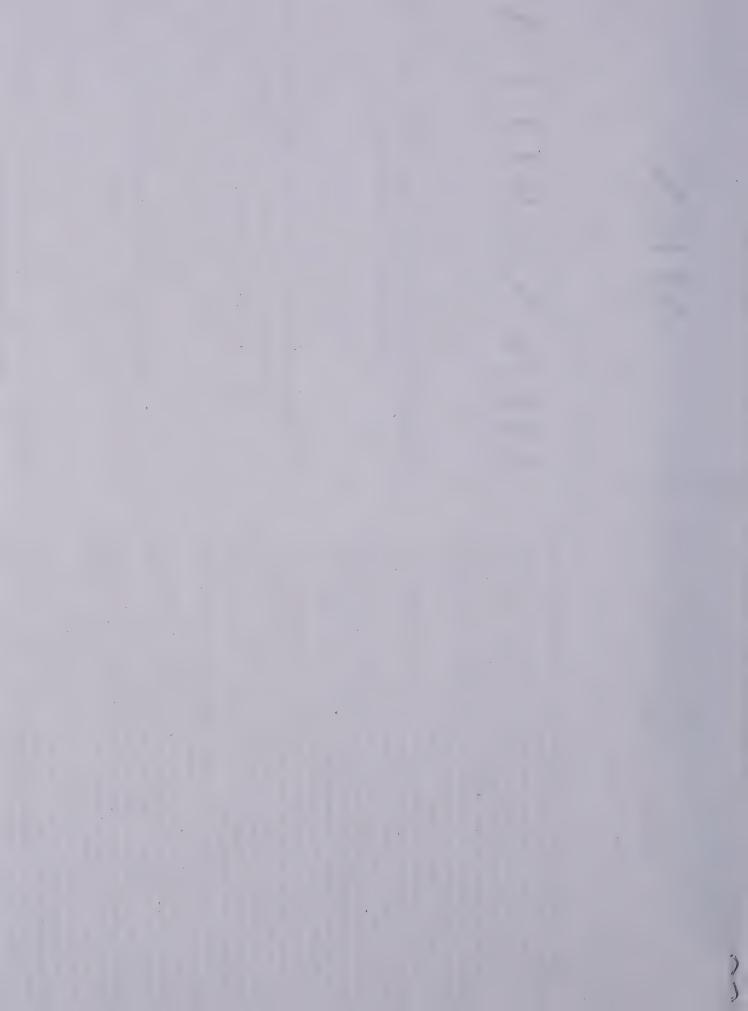
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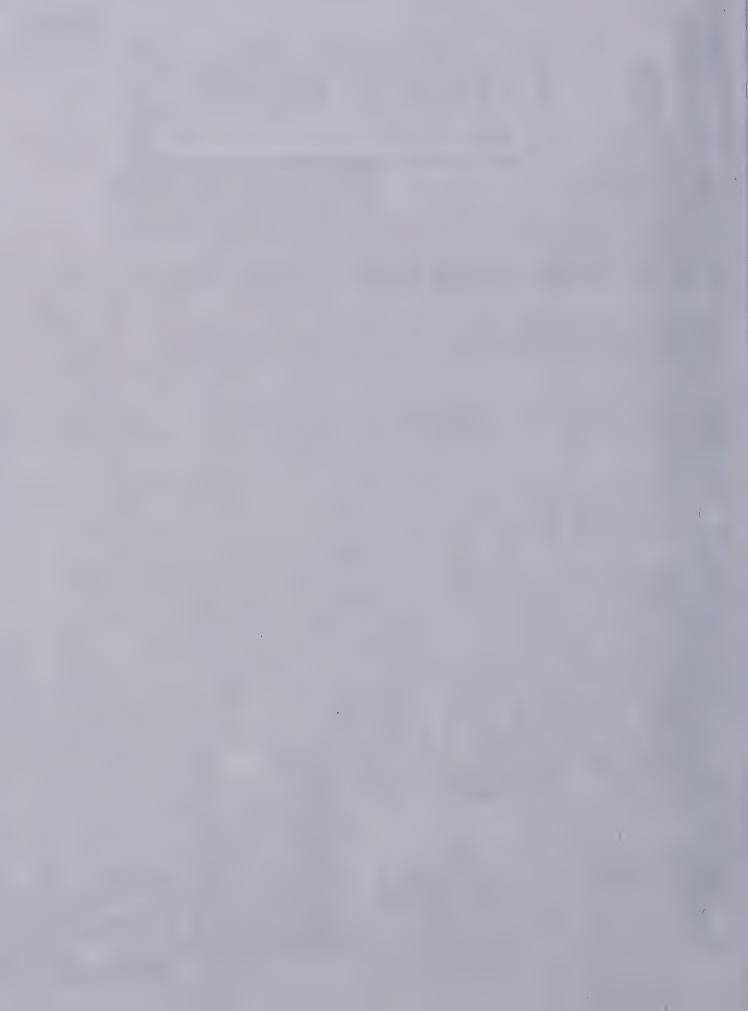


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### STOCKYARDS

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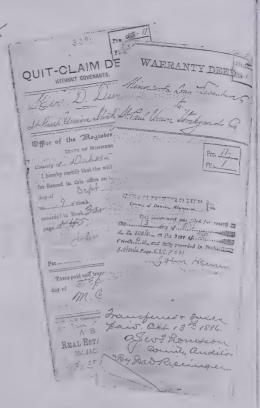
He looks venerable and he was. A. B. Stickney, in cooperation with others, was a strong advocate of the development of the St. Paul Stockyards.

first few months. As the word of the South St. Paul market spread, Charles Fitch moved from Iowa to establish the firm of Fitch Brothers Commission Merchants and to handle the sale of the first local consignment of livestock.

Most of the animals were sold to local butchers, but some were put in a feed lot and held until the opening of the first packing plant in January 1888. Fowler Brothers of Chicago soon discovered an excellent location for a meat packing plant at South St. Paul. In 1887 they started business near the stockyards and built The First Minnesota Provision and Packing Company. The company also bought land on the hill west of Concord Street and laid out streets and lots that were offered for sale.

The first year the stockyards operated 5,831 cars of livestock were received. The pens, yards and other buildings owned by the Stockyard Company covered only about 40 acres of the 2650 originally acres owned.

It takes more than special boots to corral and caretake farm animals. In spite of apparent domestication, cattle, for instance, are always unpredictable, especially in a herd. There's a genuine element of danger at any given time. Entering and manuvering in a confined area with twenty or so critters weighing 1200 pounds each is no feat for the faint of heart. Bruises and cracked ribs are

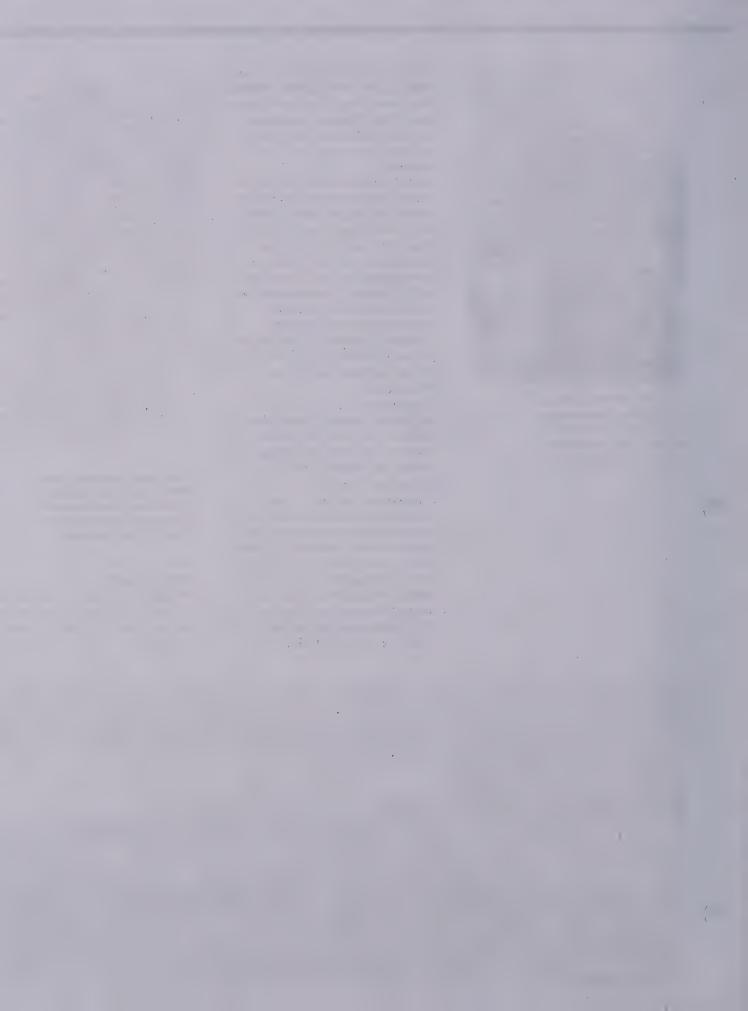


These were the deeds signifying transfer of land ownership to the St. Paul Union Stockyards Company, commonly called the South St. Paul Stockyards.

more than possibilities with these skittish animals.

Not quickly forgotten is the sight of two bulls, for example, horns locked, each on hind legs straining to dominate the other.



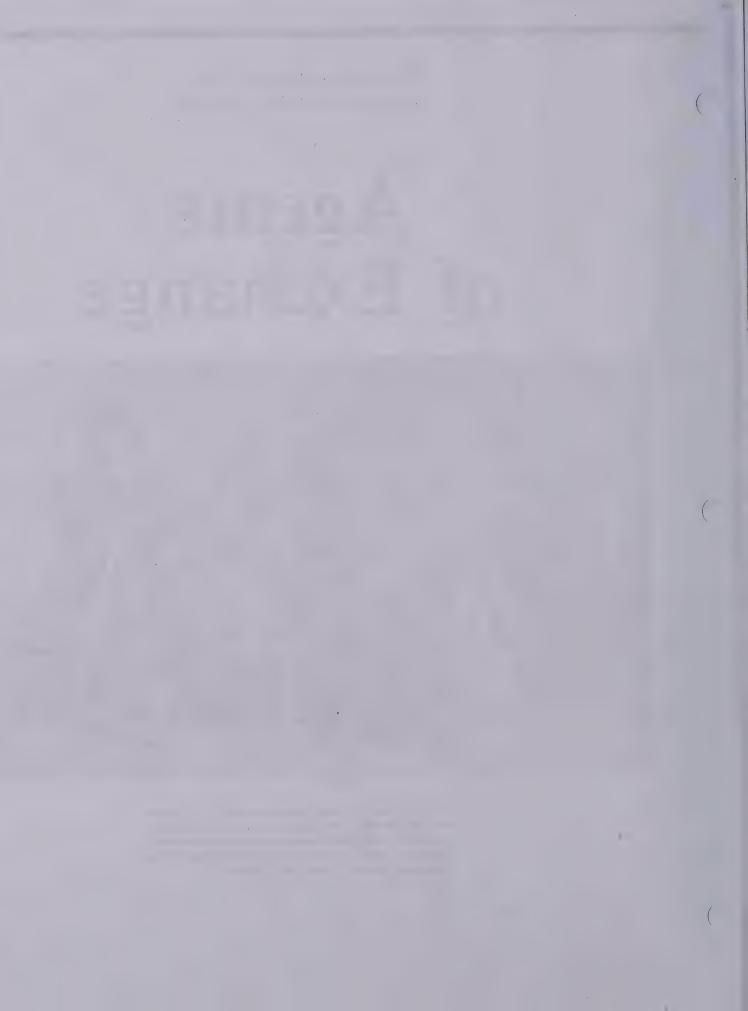


Formative stages of the livestock industry relied on

## Agents of Exchange



The Fitch Brothers, Charles, center, and Allen, right, pictured with Louis Palmer, were the first livestock brokers in South St. Paul. These gentlemen represented a new-born profession of "commission men". In fact, these people really became agents of exchange, not only of cattle, but of culture.



At public livestock markets, livestock is sold by the professional salesmen of e selling agencies. These agencies are falled commission firms. They charge the producer a certain rate (commission) for each head of livestock sold, the rate being set by the USDA. The firms may be large or small, independent or cooperative in nature, but all have the same purpose - to sell livestock. The St. Paul Union Stockyards Company's rules and regulations require each firm to have separate salesmen for each species of livestock, be it cattle, hogs or sheep. Each salesman is an expert in his field. He must be familiar with the agricultural commodity, the dressed meat trade, and have an awareness of all price trends in agriculture. A professional in any agricultural field must have a firm background in future prices. Each salesman sells his livestock in pens assigned to him by the stockyard company.

The livestock is delivered to these pens by the stockyard company yardmen and sorted according to its owners and

In sorted again into lots that the Alesmen knows will be most attractive to the buyers. This is generally done by putting the livestock into similar lots. For example, heifers are separated from steers, cows from young stock, 280 pound hogs from 230 pound hogs and so on into the respective classes. A good salesman is able to match each lot of livestock with a buyer looking for this type of livestock.

Through experience and current market information, the salesman is able to determine when he has received the top price for that day on certain classes and grades and then sells the stock. Once the livestock is sorted, the salesman will call buyers into the alley to look at the lots. Livestock is priced by the salesman to the different buyers. It is important for him to know who the buyer represents and to have a full background of that situation.



In time, the Fitch Brothers were joined by others, many of whom got around on horse back.

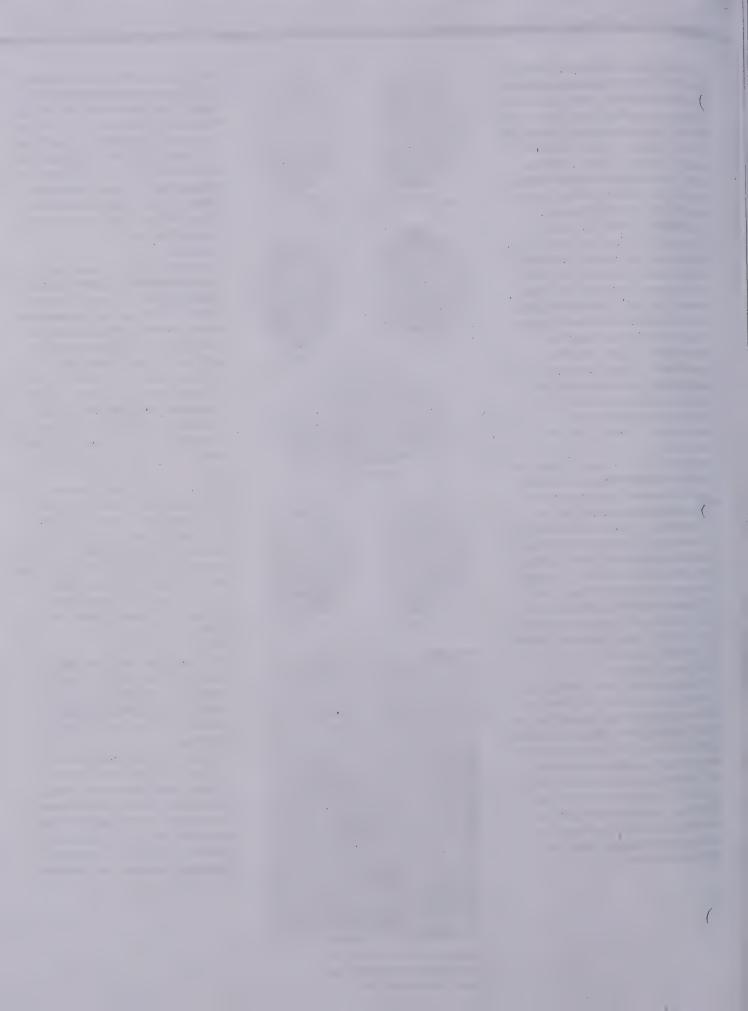
The livestock order buying company's sole purpose is to buy livestock for others. A single order buying firm at the terminal market may represent the demand of thirty packers and producers. This gives a lot of buying power to a few skilled individuals. Still, there are enough order buyers and speculators present so that market power does not exist to the point that the competitive nature of trading is ieopardized.

Most order buying companies are specialized or have separate departments for the different species and classes of livestock. They will employ hog, cow, fat and feeder cattle buyers as well as feeder pig buyers. Each follows the same basic roles with modified techniques to meet the individual needs and operations of its patrons. Neither does a stockyards company have any influence over the market. It takes care of the stock and keeps the yards open so that no seller or buyer can be barred out.

A livestock commission company is one that receives and sells stock for which service a commission is charged. This commission varies at different times and at different market points, but at most markets, especially those in the west, it is figured at a certain price per head or per car load. Some eastern markets figure commissions for selling livestock on a percentage basis.

The commission house must adhere absolutely to the scale of a fixed commission, and to either raise or lower such charges would bring it immediately before the Exchange for discipline.

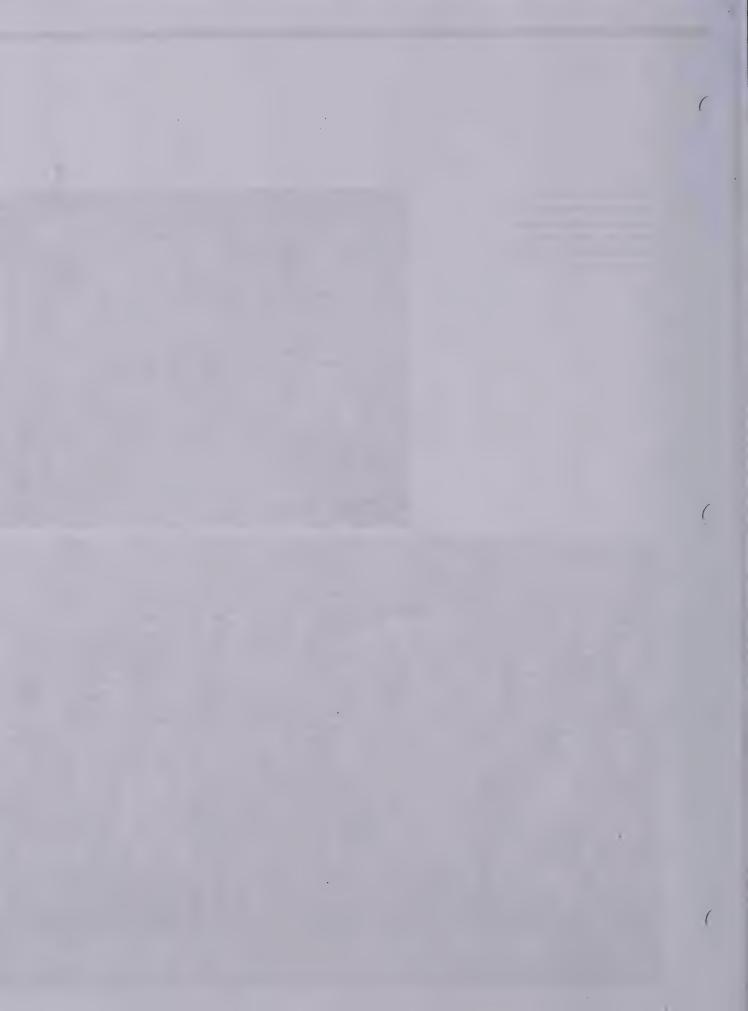
Each commission firm offices in the Exchange Building owned by the St.Paul Union Stockyards Company, for which is paid a regular fixed rental; also, yard space is assigned to it by the stockyards company. It has a corps of salesmen for cattle, hogs, and sheep, depending in number upon the extent of the firm's business.



The interior of the old
Livestock Exchange Building
was luxurious for its time and
served as a central meeting
place for anyone connected with
the cattle business.







Commission companies are not responsible for the weight of stock.

ey receive the stock, feed and water it, and do what can be done legitimately to prevent shrinkage. They drive it to the scales but have nothing whatever to do with weighing it. Both buyer and seller must accept the official weights furnished by the stockyards

company.

Moving cattle from one place to another was not always easy in the early days. One Peter Bunkard was moving his herd on hoof one night from the yards to the Midway Transfer when he experienced serious difficulty. The St. Paul Water Board had dug some trenches and being unable to see, the cattle toppled into them on top of each other injuring themselves so badly that they had to be destroyed.

The life of a commission man revolves around sales, first in convincing a potential customer to do business with him and then securing the best price at the sale of the livestock. Original commission men were city bred for the most part. The technique was in how

sold. Today, the emphasis is on what is sold.

The first livestock commission men were a unique bunch of characters. Besides their professional role as deal-makers and negotiators, they became agents of cultural exchange. They brought to their rural customers the times and ways of that new American phenomenon "The Big City" and in turn kept the growing wheels of agri-business turning.

While Indian antagonism was waning, original commission men were still operating in hostile territory. The

Battle of Wounded Knee was ten years off when South St. Faull Commission business started,

This wonderful photo of 1888 is of commission men and is indicative of the popularity of the business.



Typical of the first commission men, most were from the cities and dressed like dandies. In fact, they exchanged news and views of America's emerging urban life to the prairies.

Growing and feeding livestock is one business; selling it is another. At South St. Paul, the business of selling livestock is the responsibility of the selling agencies operating on the market.

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# Allen Fitch

In the 1880 Census we find that Allen was staying with his brother, Charles, in Iowa. He was 22 years old at the time and listed as a Farmer. See full census under Charles Fitch.

Sue Shirley said this

"As a youngster I played in Allen and Em's home and remember a full-sized black bear skin on the floor under the stairs. We loved to pet it."

"One Christmas we all went to see Al and Em. (Kenneth, Bernice and the 3 of us girls, and Peter anf Rosie May Harvey). We were told Em was quite sick. I remember seeing her in bed downstairs and her white hair appeared vellow to me and I told her it was Christmas. She smiled and said, "Oh, I haven't done any baking." I believe she must have died that winter.

allen Fitch

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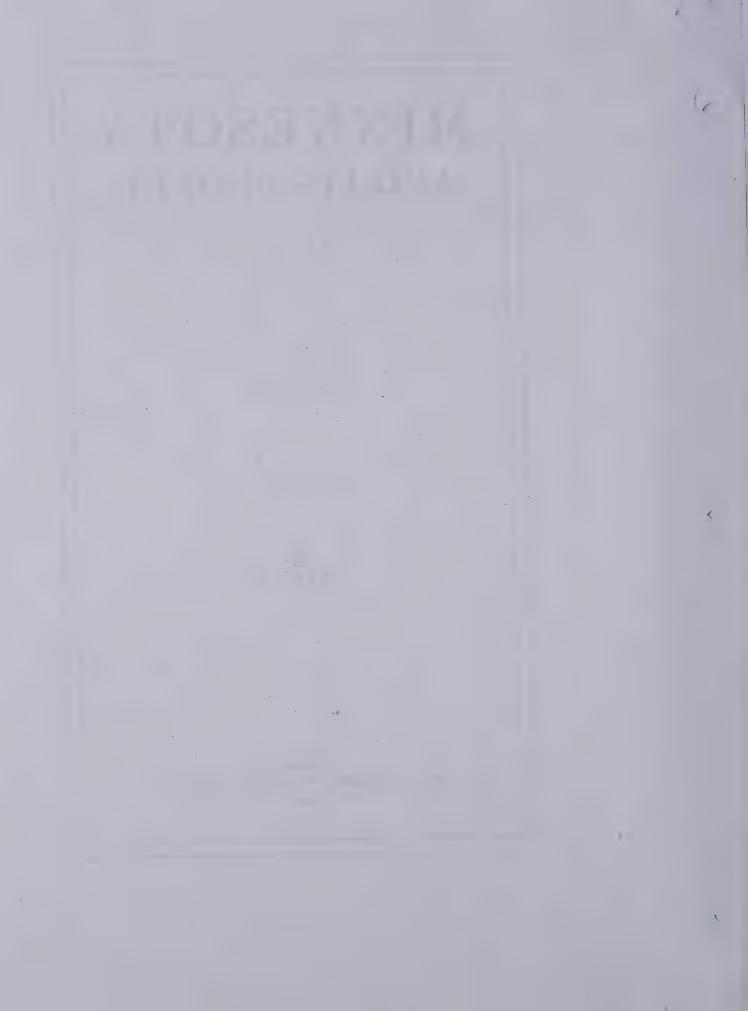
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he studied pharmacy and after passing the required examination he became a licensed pharmacist. For ten years he was associated with Mr. Gray and at the termination of that time he and Stewart Gamble, a fellow clerk, determined to engage in business on their own account. As a result they formed a partnership and established a drug and paint store, which they operated under the firm name of Gamble & Ludwig. At the time of Mr. Ludwig's demise this concern had existed for three decades and was probably the oldest partnership in the city. Their first establishment was located at No. 301-3 Hennepin avenue, where they remained for sixteen years. During that time their business grew to extensive proportions and they were obliged to seek larger quarters and removed to their present location at No. 903 Hennepin avenue. In 1920 Gamble & Ludwig sold out their drug business and thereafter devoted their entire time and attention to the paint business, catering to both a wholesale and retail trade. Mr. Ludwig contributed to a marked degree in the continued success of the enterprise. He was a business man of progressive spirit and unfaltering determination who employed the most modern of commercial methods and wisely utilized every opportunity that came to hand.

On the 16th of August, 1900, in Minneapolis, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ludwig and Miss Ellen Selle, a daughter of William and Augusta Selle. To their union one son was born, Llewellyn Ludwig, who is a student in the University of Minnesota.

Politically Mr. Ludwig supported the republican party, for he was a firm believer in its principles as factors in good government. He was essentially public-spirited and was active in the furtherance of all movements that have for their object the promotion of the best interests of city, county and state. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Westminster church. Fraternally Mr. Ludwig was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he was a member of the Minneapolis Civic & Commerce Association and the Rotary Club. Socially he was connected with the Minneapolis Athletic Club, the Town & Country Club, the Interlachen Club and the Automobile Club. For recreation from business he turned to the great outdoors and he was a golf enthusiast, in which sport he was proficient. In his younger days he was particularly fond of horses and was an able equestrian. He was a man of genial and pleasing personality and his friends were legion. The best principles of integrity and honor governed him in all transactions and he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came into contact.

## CHARLES FITCH.

Success is ever the outcome of persistent, intelligently directed labor. It is true that certain men profit by the efforts of others, sometimes unjustly, but in the main the prosperous man is he whose labors measure up to a high standard not only of industry but of integrity. One is led to this train of reflection in considering the life record of Charles Fitch, a pioneer resident of South St. Paul and founder of the stock commission firm of Fitch & Company. Although now living retired from active business life he remains a factor in the world's work, inasmuch as he gives out of the rich stores of his wisdom and experience for the benefit of others. Charles Fitch was born at Huntertown, Allen county, Indiana, on the 29th of March, 1846, and is one of fifteen children, nine sons and six daughters, born to Nathaniel and Sarah (Delong) Fitch. The father was a skilled blacksmith and gunsmith and he built the iron works on the locks for the Erie canal. He was born in Pennsylvania, while his wife was a native of Dayton, Ohio. Of the children born to them twelve are living—the daughters and six of the sons.

In the acquirement of his education Charles Fitch attended the public schools of Indiana and for some time was a student in the Perry Center Seminary. He likewise attended Fort Wayne College and at the age of seventeen years he began teaching in Allen county, remained there for several terms and then went to Keokuk county and Butler county. Later he engaged in farming in Butler county and he also bought and sold live stock. His interest in the live stock business brought him to South St. Paul in 1887, the Union Stock Yards having been built here the year previous. At that time South St. Paul was a mere hamlet and Mr. Fitch has been a dominant factor in the continued growth of the town. Mr. Fitch and his brother immediately established themselves in the live stock commission business here and for some time the firm was known as Fitch Brothers. Charles Fitch is still a resident of South

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St. Paul and is held in high confdence and esteem, as is his brother. The business, which is now known as Fitch & Company, was founded in September of the year 1887 and today is one of the most representative enterprises of its kind in the city and state. The years marked the advancement of Mr. Fitch and at length he reached a position where he felt that his success and his age justified his retirement. The most envious cannot grudge him his prosperity, so well has it been won and so worthily used. His sons, Oakley and Giles Fitch, are now owners of the business and they are continuing to make it a successful enterprise.

Not all of Mr. Fitch's time has been devoted to the promotion of his personal interests. His name and the success he has achieved is coupled with South St. Paul and its continued advancement. He assisted in the organization of the town and at times has carried the entire burden of the community's affairs on his shoulders. For several terms he was a member of the board of aldermen; he has been president of the town council; and in 1893 he was elected to the office of mayor. He served in that capacity from 1893 until 1895 and during his administration inaugurated and brought to completion many movements for the benefit of the community at large. It was during that period that the present city hall was built. Mr. Fitch is one of the city's oldest living residents and as such is accorded universal confidence and esteem.

On the 26th of April, 1868, in Iowa, Mr. Fitch was married to Miss Luann Clubb. Mrs. Fitch was born in Morgan county, Indiana, on the 27th of November, 1846, the daughter of Phillip and Emily (Randolph) Clubb. Her mother was a cousin of John Randolph, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. The Clubb family moved from Indiana to Keokuk, Iowa, when Mrs. Fitch was a child of two years. She was one of eleven children, two of whom are living, a sister, Mrs. Mary Shawhan, being a resident of Los Angeles, California. Mrs. Fitch has always led a very active life, and although seventy-six years of age she is enjoying the best of health and continues to do her own housework. Mr. Fitch and his wife are both descendants of Revolutionary ancestors. The four living children of Mr. and Mrs. Fitch are: Mrs. Rosa May Harvey; Charles Oakley; Mrs. Mabel Durkee; and Giles. The eldest daughter, Rosa May, was born on the 16th of March, 1870, and on the 8th of October, 1893, became the wife of Peter Harvey. To their union one son has been born, Kenneth, who was born in August, 1908. Charles Oakley Fitch, the second member of the family, was born in Butler county, Iowa, on the 19th of March, 1878. He was married on the 16th of June, 1904, to Miss Genevieve Varion and to their union three daughters have been born: Marjory, whose birth occurred in 1905; Elizabeth Ann, who was born on the 5th of July, 1915; and Lucile, born in February, 1917. Mrs. Mabel Durkee was born in Butler county, Iowa, on the 6th of September, 1881, and was married to John Durkee on the 20th of September, 1905. Giles Fitch, the youngest member of the family, was born on the 20th of November, 1885, in Butler county, Iowa. He was married to Katherine Finnerty on the 23d of December, 1917. Mrs. Fitch is a member of the Presbyterian church and has always been active in the various affairs of the church.

Fraternally Mr. Fitch is identified with the Fellowcraft Masons and is readily conceded to be an exemplary member of the craft. His political allegiance has ever been given to the democratic party, of which he has been an influential member for many years. Mr. Fitch is a man of strong and forceful individuality and has left the impress of his personality upon the commercial and industrial development of this city.

# CHARLES F. PETTERSON.

Among the many representative citizens Sweden has contributed to Minnesota is Charles F. Petterson, general merchant of St. Paul, who was born in Sweden, on the 28th of October, 1873. His parents are deceased.

At the age of seventeen years Charles F. Petterson came to the United States alone and first went to an uncle's home near Watertown, this state. He worked on his uncle's farm in the summer months and attended school in the vicinity of the farm in the winter. Later he attended the schools at Howard Lake, Minnesota, and subsequently took a course in the Minnesota School of Business, Minneapolis, from which he was graduated in 1894. There he studied bookkeeping and commercial law and during the summer months worked in a Minneapolis grocery store. In 1895 he

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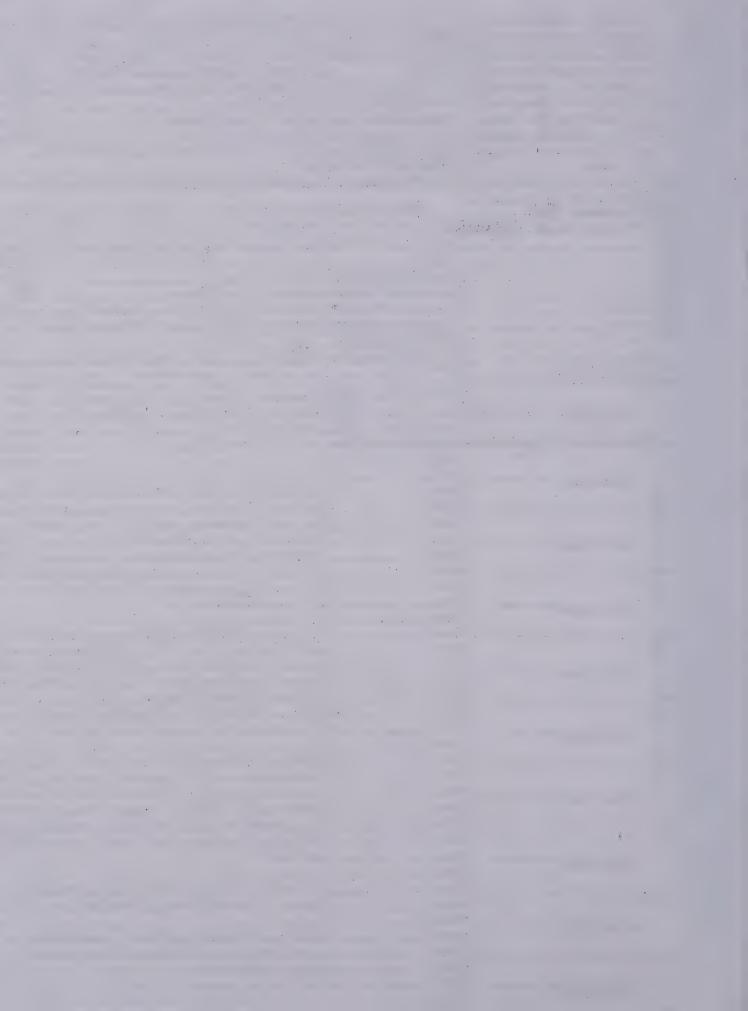
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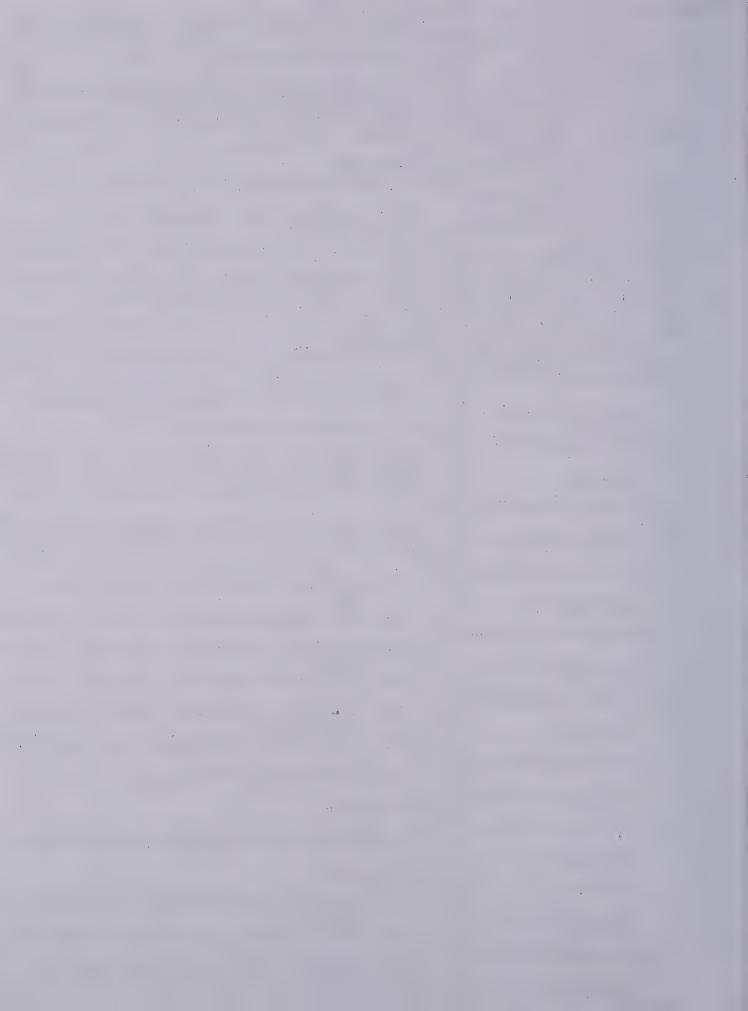


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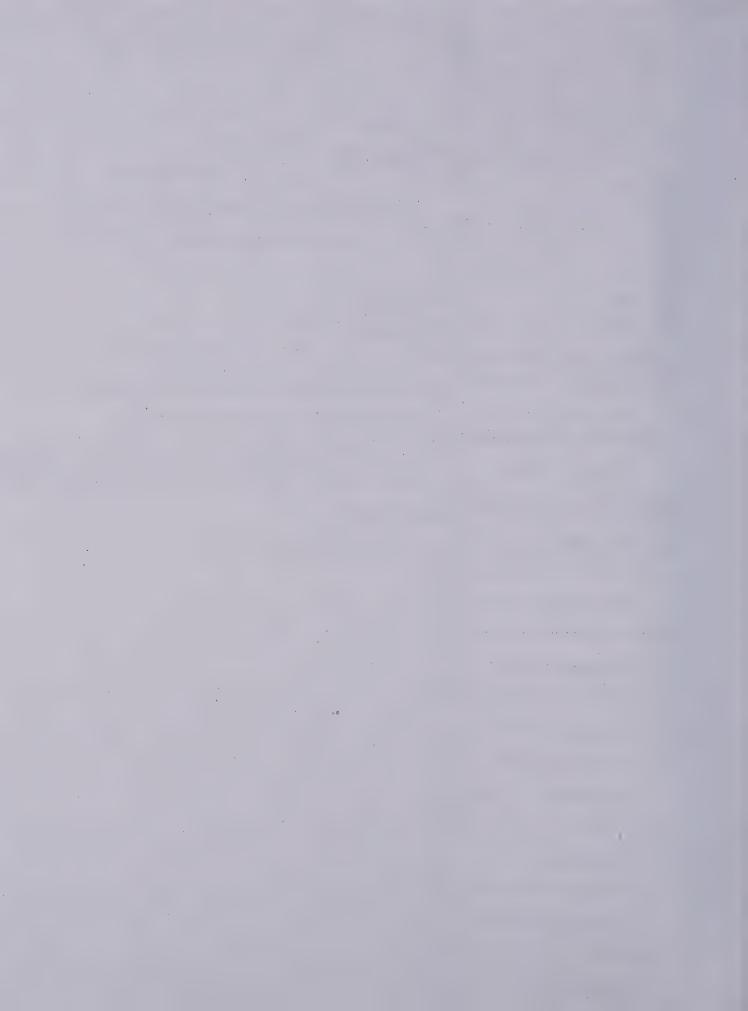


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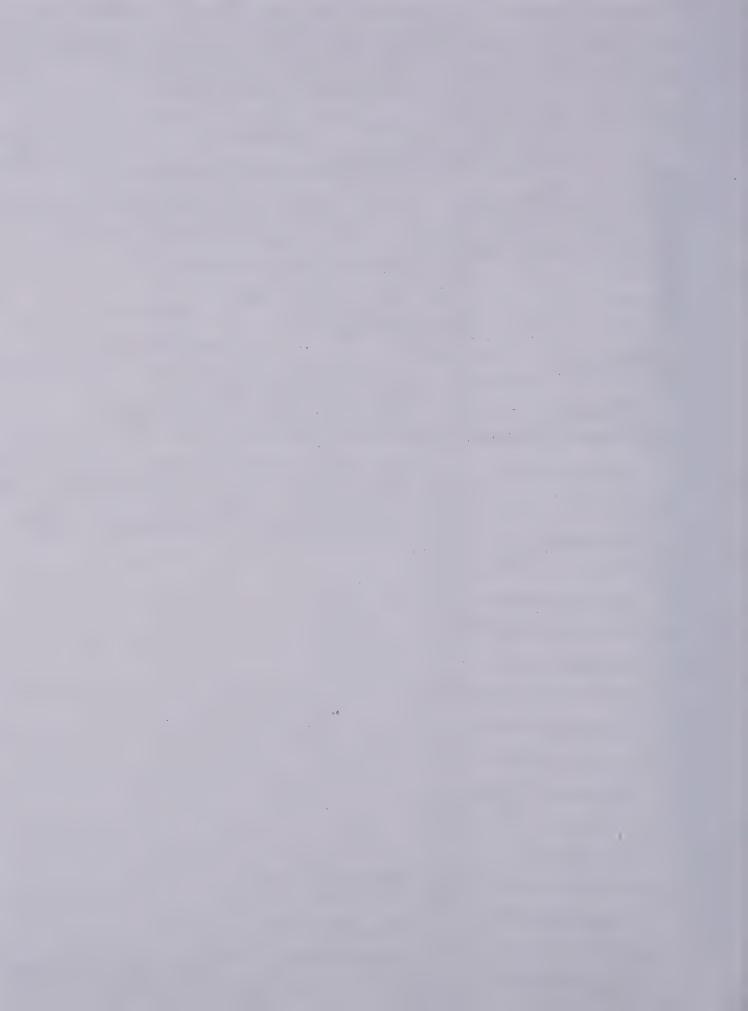
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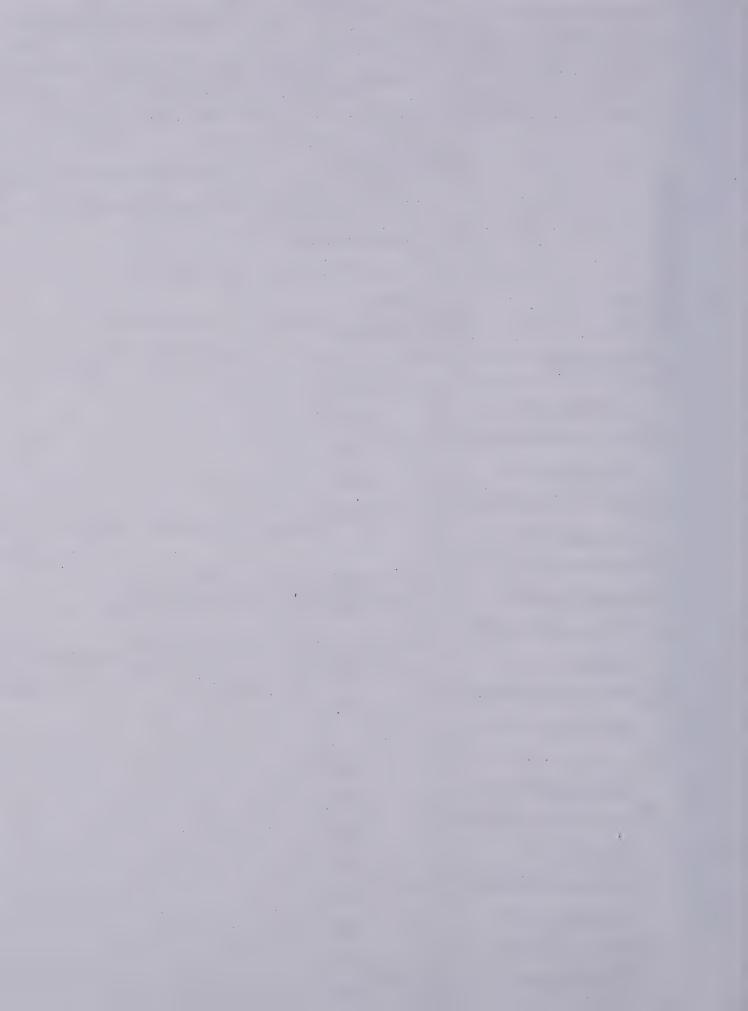
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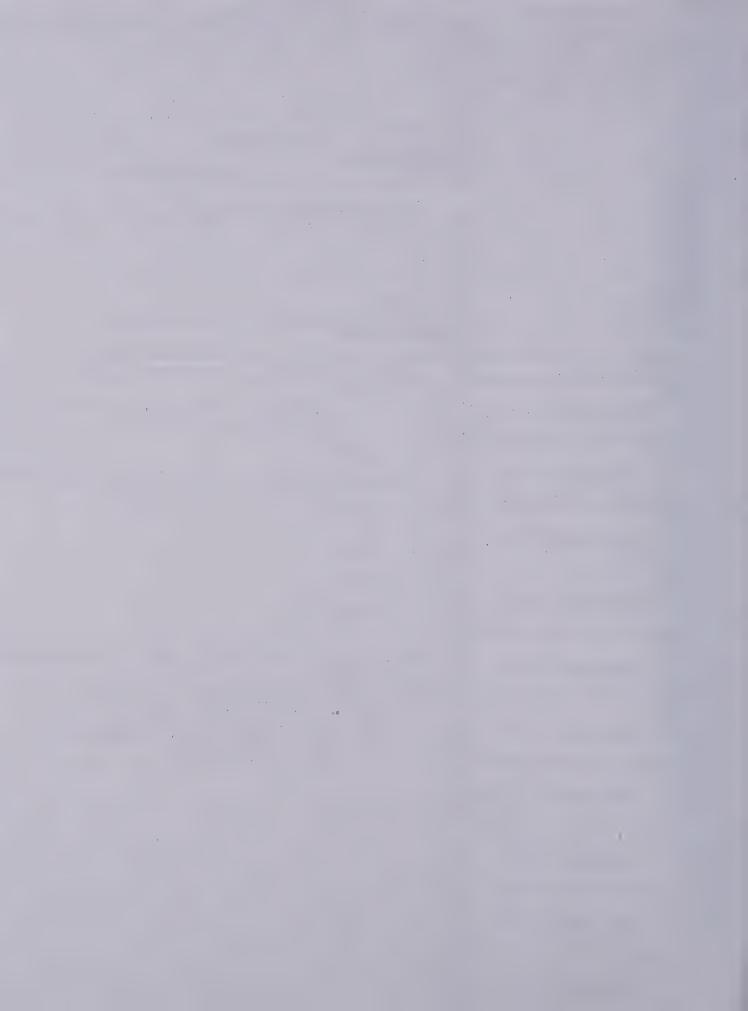
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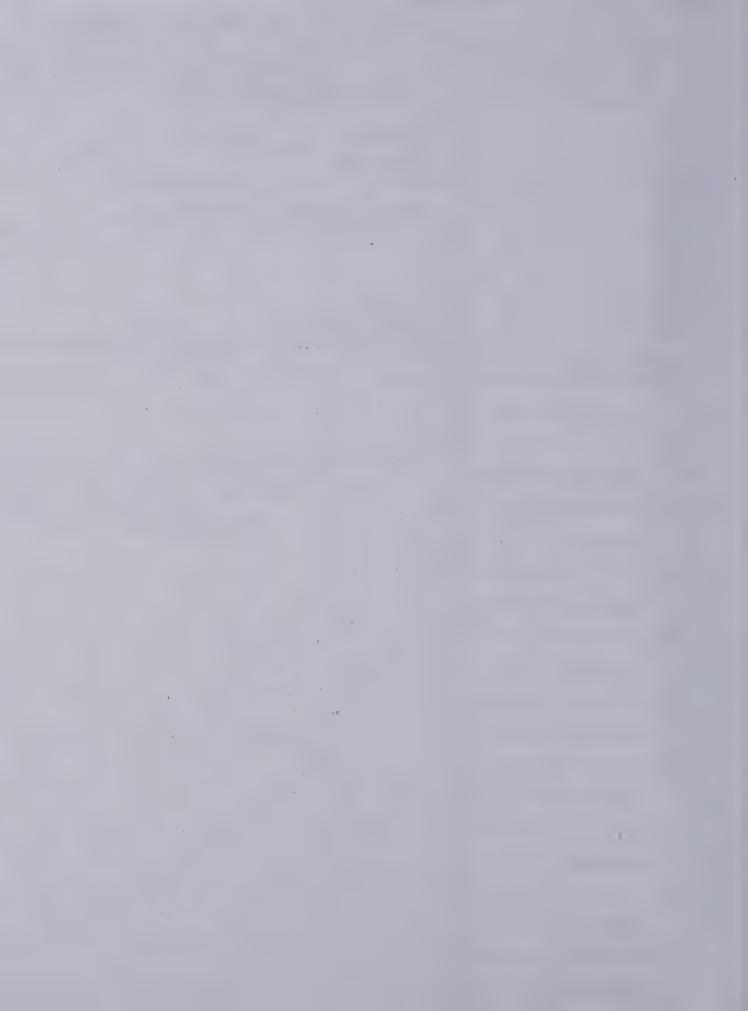
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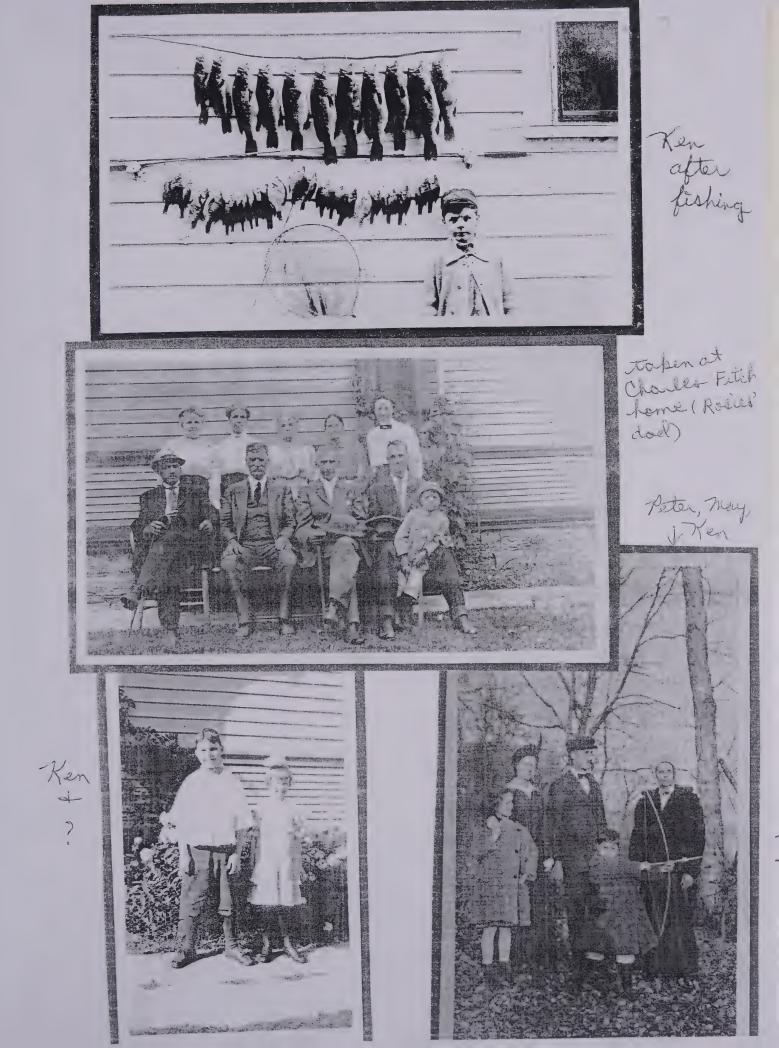


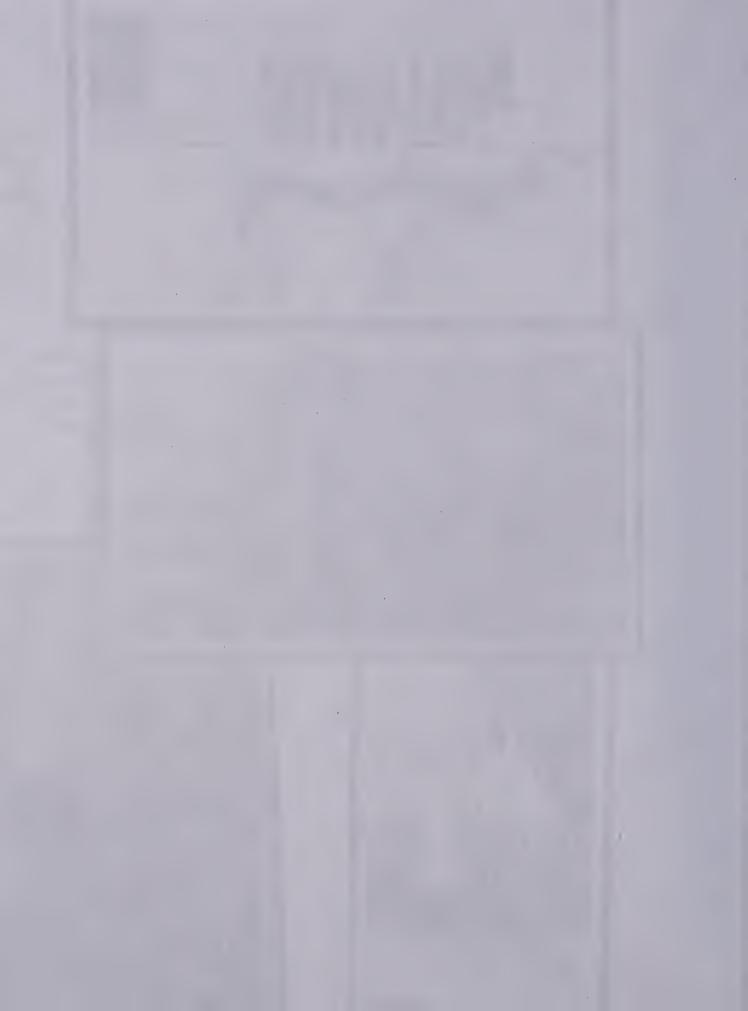
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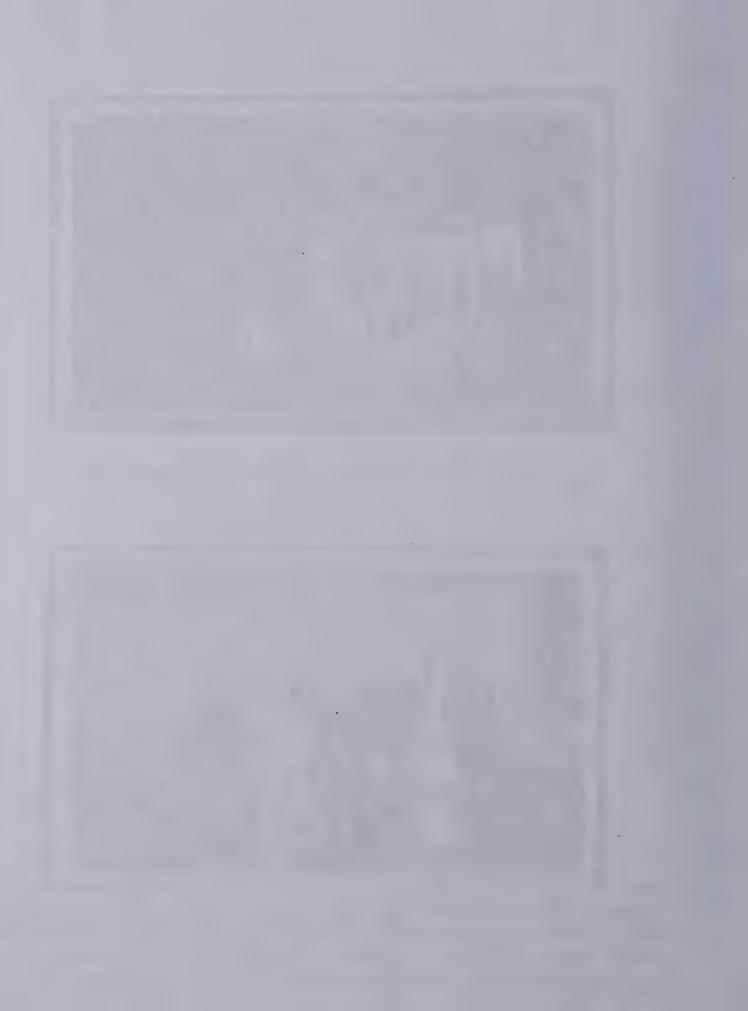




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The Memoirs of Charles Oakley Fitch 1878 - 1958

Son of Charles and Lou Ann Fitch Grandson of Nathaniel and Sarah Fitch

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(L to R) Marjorie Vivian Fitch with her parents, Charles Oakley Fitch and Genevieve S. Varian Fitch, married June 16, 1904. Marjorie's white dress was made by Aunt Varien Purves and was white satin trimed with turquoise velvet. Photo was probably taken in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1909.

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## MEMOIRS OF CHARLES DAKLEY FITCH

My grandparents' father and mother were Nathaniel Fitch, Sr. and Sarah Fitch, maiden name: Sarah Keeler.

My grandfather, Nathaniel, Jr., was born July 9, 1806 at Tunkhannock Falls Township, Wyoming County, Pa. My grandmother was born May 29, 1818 at Dayton, Miami County, Ohio. Her name was Sarah Elizabeth De Long, daughter of George De Long and Elizabeth De Long, maiden name: Elizabeth Stattler. My grandparents were married June 4, 1840. They had fifteen children, eight boyes and seven girls (one set of twin girls).

My father Charles Fitch was born March 29, 1846, the fourth of the children, at Huntertown, Indiana.

My grandparents came to Huntertown, Indiana, by prarie schooner from Ohio soon after they were married. Huntertown is about 20 miles from Ft. Wayne, Indiana. They lived near Huntertown, and grandfather had a shop on his homestead with a forge in it. He could make a rifle, lock, stock and barrel. He also made all kinds of traps, including big bear traps and traps for the different kinds of animals. When a man broke his leg among the pioneers, they brought him to the shop, and grandfather made spints and set his leg. Grandmother brought all the babies into the world as midwife in the surrounding country, and when she died Sept. 2, 1908, she had the largest funeral in the county. Most of her children lived to a ripe old age. My uncle Allen lived to be 97, and his wife around 94.

My father and mother came by prarie schooner to northern Iowa, Butler County, near what is now Clarksville, Iowa, between Clarksville and Plainfield, Iowa. They built a one room log cabin on the prairie. It was rugged living on the prairie. There was no wood, and during the winter they twisted hay into bundles and burned it to keep warm. One winter they burned corn, as it was not worth anything anyhow.

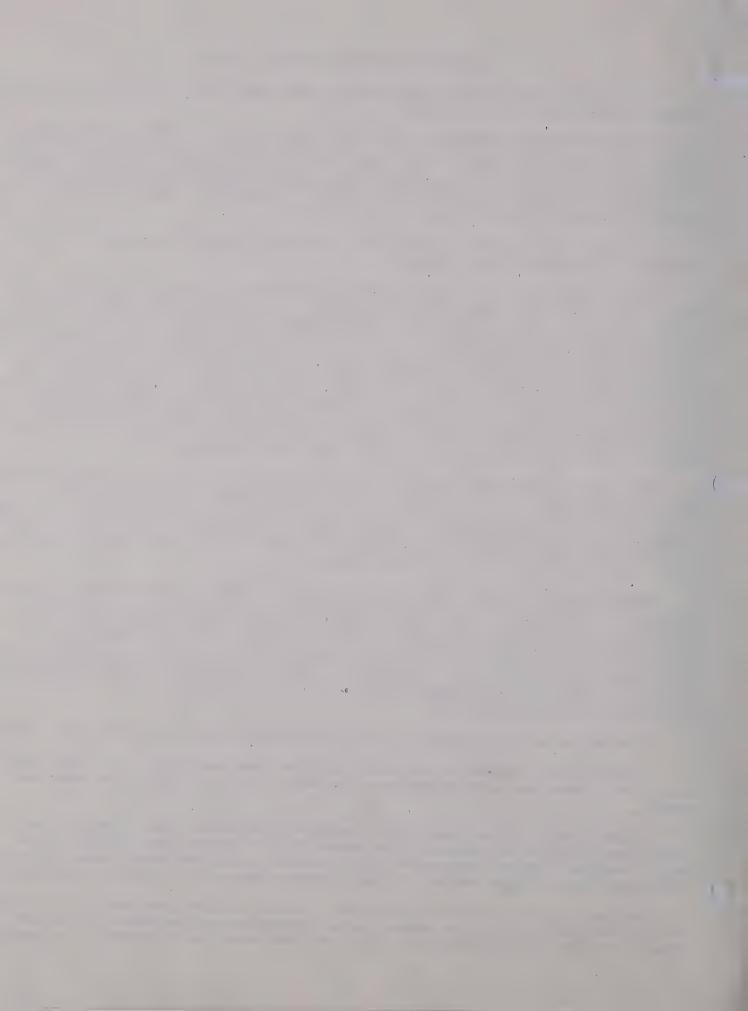
Before father left Indiana, he went with some of his neighbor boys to a college at Ft. Wayne. My Uncle Allen told me once that he visited his brother at the college, and that these tall raw boned country boys all chewed tobacco in school and spit most anywhere. Anyhow father got a teacher's certificate, and when the country around him in Iowa settled up some, he taught school for a number of years in the little country school house, and also had sing fests nights with all the neighbors. (Still have his teacher's certificates.)

Forgot to state that my father married Lou Ann Club, April 18, 1868.

Mother was midwife to the wives of the Iowa settlers, and when the call came, she threw her side saddle on the mare, day or night, and away she went.

Father kept a diary each day, temperature, etc. One item one day: "Shot two prairie chickens on the South 10." Another day: "Shot ducks, etc." Another item: "Hauled my hogs to town today and sold them for two cents per pound, live weight." Very cheap compared to present day's prices.

My uncle Allen came from Indiana and settled on land nearby, but did not get married until many years later, when he married Emma Lewillian Green, May 25, 1893, which was after he had moved to Minnesota. He batched



it and also spent a great deal of his time at father's place. There were lots of wolves, raccoons, etc. which they killed, and at one time father had 30 dogs of different kinds for hunting. Mother used to have long, narrow pans to bake corn bread in everyday to feed the dogs. They saved most of the pelts, especially the raccoons.

There were two babies that died in infancy. Then the oldest child, May, then Nathaniel who was drowned when about 13 years of age, then Harry who was two years older than myself, who was born Charles Dakley Fitch, March 19, 1878. These were all born in the log cabin. I think my sister May told me I just escaped the log cabin and was born in the new house on the farm. Then Mabel and then Giles who was born in Clarksville, as they had left the farm and moved there.

There was a big spring on the farm, and Father had walled it up and it made a big pool some 20 feet square and 12 feet deep. He was dealing in horses then and had a big bunch of them, some of them with colts by their side. When they came to drink, it was Nathaniel's job to see that the colts did not get kicked into the pool. One day Nat got kicked in. Father missed him and went to the pool and saw him lying on the bottom of the pool. He dove in and brought him up and with the assistance of Mother and May, they rolled him over a barrel to get the water out of his lungs, but to no avail.

I can remember the funeral, as Harry and I had new shoes and new straw hats. The casket was placed in a lumber wagon and he was buried in a small country cememtery, one of the first to be buried there.

I can also remember, much later, Father and Mother rushing to the barn and hitching up the driving team to the top buggy with Mabel with them. They drove so fast that when they crossed the little bridge over the creek, the buggy bounced way up in the air. Mother had been cleaning and had left a bottle of carbolic acid on the floor and Mabel drank from it. The doctor pumped out her stomach and saved her, but she had a badly burned throat for a long time afterwards.

I can also remember one day when a live stock buyer came to buy the sheep. I went along to the pasture with them, and was standing quite aways from them while they were dickering on the price, when the ram sneaked up behind me and butted me so hard that I went down on my face, and did I bawl. I never forgot it.

I can also remember them talking about fire crackers they were going to buy when they went to town for the 4th of July, and they promised to bring me some. When they returned and brought the fire crackers, I bawled my head off, as I thought they would be crackers to eat.

I can also remember going to the country school house Xmas Eve, and the first Christmas tree where I got my present which was a bank consisting of a big frog with a little frog lying on his back in front of the big frog. You placed a penny on the belly of the small frog and pressed a lever at the rear of the large frog, and one of the forepaws of the small frog knocked the penny in the big frog's mouth. I still have it, and I saw one just like it at Ford's Dearborn Mueum. I also got Mother Goose rhymes which I read and reread until it was practically worn out.

I can also remember the big rock which stood not too far from the new house. It was a really large rock, stood about 12 feet high and very large

around. One day Father placed dynamite on it to blow it up. All it did was to blow a 200 pound chunk off the top which went clear over the new house, just missing the roof. The rock is still on the farm.

When they moved to Clarksville, they rented the two farms which they now owned, and Father dealt in live stock. Father and Harry made several trips to the sand hills of Nebraska when there would be a drought there and buy cattle and drive them back to Iowa and sell them to the Iowa people for feeders. They had to ford streams and rivers, and at one river Harry almost lost his life as the current was very swift, and it washed him from the saddle, but he managed to hang on to the pommel of the saddle until the horse got to shore.

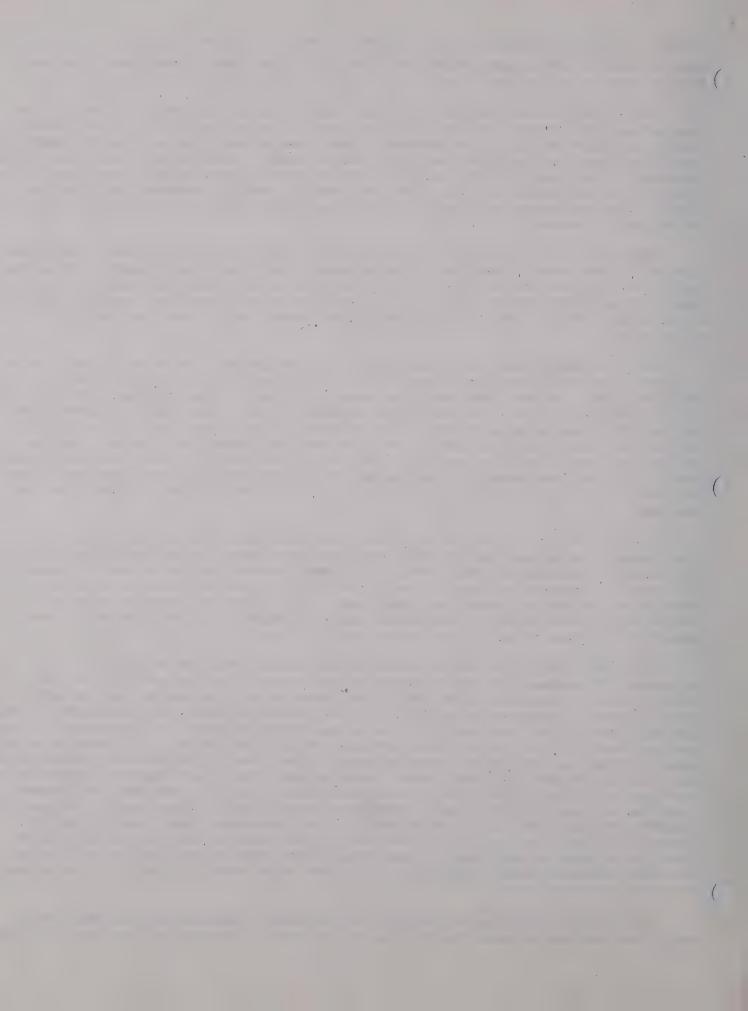
When still on the farm I can remember Harry and I visited a neighbor (Cronin's was their name) on a farm about a mile and half away. After we had started home across the prairie, a snow storm blew up, and it was a bad one, and we were facing it. I, as usual, started bawling, and that got lots of cold air in my lungs. We finally got home, but I was very sick afterwards.

When we were living in Clarksville, the banker there had a very fine garden, and the finest strawberry bed that I ever saw, all laid out in regular rows. After dark we kids used to crowl on our bellies and eat our fill of strawberries. We never got caught at it. However, another time a big bunch of we boys and lots of them much older than I got into a turnip patch; the turnips were just right for eating, young and tender, and we pulled up plenty of them and had our fill, and lots of them were pulled and left lying on the ground. The owner found out who all the boys were, and hell was to pay, and also our fathers had to come across and pay for the damage.

On 4th of July the larger boys formed a Kazoo Band and had all the instruments of a band which were made of some heavy stuff and they looked like real instruments, only they had these Kazoos in for a mouth piece, and you sang or hummed in them to make the sound. The boys used to go out of town to a ravine and practice evenings. I tried very hard to get an instrument to play, but they would not let me do it, and I am still sore about it as they made a fine appearance in the 4th of July parade.

In 1887 the Union Stock Yards at South St. Paul were built. A.B. Stickney, President of the Chicago Great Western Ry Co and English capital built them. In the fall of 1887, the opening of the yards, my father, Charles Fitch, and my Uncle Allen Fitch opened up the first commission house and sold the first carload of live stock on commission at the yards. The carload was shipped in by Louis Palmer of Fairfax, Minn. It consisted of sheep, hogs, cattle and a team of oxen. The oxen were sold to some fellow who finally never paid for them. Soon after there were several other firms started, and the Union Stock Yards were on its way to become the largest in receipts of veal calves, dairy cows and hogs, and in some years the second largest on all kinds of live stock. I can remember there was a camp of Indians across the river from the yards, and the squaws would ask Father if they could have a dead hog or two that were dead on arrival at the yards. He would consent, and they would wrap the dead hogs in their blankets and lug them back to camp.

The family came up in the spring of 1888. We arrived at the Union Depot and walked across the tracks to an old warehouse on the bank of the



Mississippi where there was a waiting room for the Motor Line which ran between St. Paul and Inver Grove. It was a small square shaped engine with three or four coaches. The first stop was across the Chicago Great Western Ry bridge to a depot called West St. Paul; the next stop was the State Street depot; then Annapolis Depot which is the dividing line between St. Paul and South St. Paul and also between Dakota County and Ramsey County. The next stop was South Park where the Great Western shops and terminal were situated. Years later they burned down and were rebuilt at Oelwein, Ia. The site is now occupied by the Farmers Union Co-op where they sell machinery, oil, etc. to their members. The next stop was South St. Paul, then Riverside, where later a large shoe factory was built, and several hundred girls were employed and they used the motor line to come down from St. Paul to work. Afterwards a tannery, and now occupied by the Schumacher Feed and Seed Co, and the Shaw Lumber yard. The next stop was Spring Park, and last Inver Grove. At that time there was nothing there but a grocery store which is still there, and Spilker's Beer Garden and tavern. Sundays they use to have excursions down from St. Paul and have picnics and a dance floor was built up about four feet from the ground with a railing around it and boughs of green leaves from trees nailed all around the railing.

One 4th of July a balloon ascension was advertised. When it was time for the balloon ascension and parachute drop, the man who was to do it never showed up. One of Spilker's bartenders, quite drunk, said the crowd would not be disappointed as he would do the trick which he did. His parachute opened all O.K., only instead of coming down on ground, he lighted in a slough with not much water in, but enough to cover his head, but it had a very muddy bottom, and his feet stuck in the mud, and he was drowned, and I Was There. I understand Spilker's just closed its doors a short while ago—a landmark for over 50 years.

The Motor Line ran every hour in the morning and evenings and two hour schedule in between, but the last Motor left for St. Paul at 7:30 in the evening, and passengers could come back on the train for Chicago leaving the depot at 11:20 at night. If you missed it, you could walk to South St. Paul, 5 miles, or stay at a hotel. I walked it several times. One winter night two couples of us (my girl and I afterwards married) went to see, I think it was, "If I Were King" at the old Metropolitan Theatre. It was four acts, and we all decided we would see it all, knowing that we would miss the 11:20 which is what happened. We did the only thing we could do, hired a Hansom Cab, horse drawn, with the cabby sitting on top, and not too much room for four inside below, which did not bother us too much. However, everything was fine until we got to the Great Western Shops where the road ran between the shops and a big bluff. It was very narrow there, and the cab got stuck in the snow, and the cabby would not attempt to go any further as the drifts were very high ahead. He turned around and started back for St. Paul, and there was nothing for us to do but get out and walk the mile and half to South St. Paul which we did, although not dressed too well for it. I had on a derby hat and froze my ears. Outside of that no ill effects.

When we arrived in South St. Paul that morning at 11:30, Father took us up to his book-keepers house (Paul Miller was his name) for dinner. They lived in one of the houses called the six row houses a few blocks south of the Exchange Building up a long flight of wooden steps to the top of the bluff. It was all prairie up there, and outside of the six houses there were only three others, built very far apart from each other. One of these we occupied for a year, and then we moved into a large house that had been

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built for the first Superintendent of the yards and built by the yard company for the first Superintendent, Mr. Litell. He stayed one year and then went back to New York City as the climate was too much for him. One thing Litell left was a bobsled for coasting down the hill as the house was at the top of the hill. It was a dandy and would sit eight people and had a big wheel to steer it with. We used it lots, but one night with Fred Kubeay steering, we were unable to stop and ran into the engine of the Chicago passenger train which was a stand still at the depot. Fred's leg was badly cut and had to have a great many stitches taken; he was laid up for a long time. After Fred finished his school, he disappeared and was never heard from again. His people ran a hardware store at South St. Paul.

I can remember when the first phone was put in our office in the Exchange Building, also the electric lights. During the heavy fall run of cattle, we often were still weighing cattle as late as ten and eleven o'clock at night. All had lanterns, and sometimes it was hard to distinguish between a cow and a steer.

It was the panic of 1893 when all the banks closed. That day Father had sold 8 or 10 cars of cattle to the Minnesota Packing Co, and 30 carloads of hogs to James J O'Leary & Sons on commission for the various shippers. The rule then and still is that all stock is to be paid to the commission firms the following day. Of course, this time they were not paid as all banks closed. Then Father did a foolish thing. He went to Iowa and sold his two farms, and paid all the shippers the money for their live stock, which he did not have to do. The other firms were not able to do so, and would not had they been able. In time, lots of these shippers quit shipping to him as the other firms, of course, were soliciting business, and they did not seem to appreciate what Father had done for them. This he should not have done as the commission on a carload of hogs was only \$6.00 and \$12.00 per car on cattle.

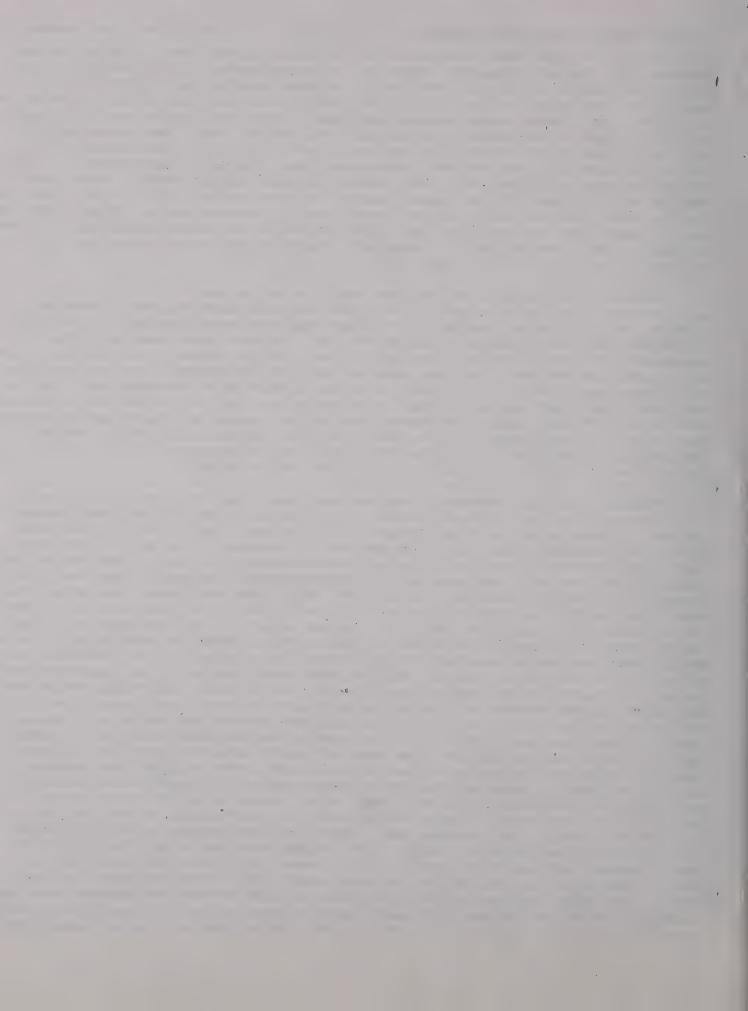
I had been raising Indian ponies for sale and had \$300 in the bank which, of course, I lost and this certainly did not encourage me to save money again for quite sometime. Speaking of ponies, I had finished the 8th grade at the old Stickney School and was driving my pony attached to a one seat sort of buck board buggy with a high seat and would pick up Fay Murray at South Park, and we would drive to the West Side, St. Paul to the old Humboldt School. I used to leave our pony at Lasso Mack's barn there on the West Side, as his stall would be empty as he rode his horse to the stock yards everyday as he worked for the yard company. I only went to High School for three months when I quit, but during that time I must have been pretty good, as we had an examination and the next day the teacher in front of the whole class asked me if I used a pony and I said, "Yes." She said to see her after class. She said she thought I had used a pony as my answers were pretty good. I said I did not think that my driving pony had much to do with my answers, and then she found what kind of a pony I was talking about. I was pretty green and did not know that you could get a book with the answers to the Latin examinations.

That summer Frank Kiesow and I went out to Wildwood to the amusement park there. I had never roller skated before, but we got skates and finally went up on a balcony where they had a slide down to the main floor. With my roller skates on, I tried the slide, lost my balance, hit a side post and got a bad fall. I found I could not lift my left arm, but we continued and spent the entire day and evening there. Next morning Mother noticed I had difficulty in getting my shirt on and I told her what had happened so she

to my arm. May was mad as she was to be married that day to Peter Harvey, however, it did not stop the wedding. In four weeks my arm was all right again, or rather my collar bone-which is what was broken. Months later I was driving my pony on the hill above South Park when the pony, or horse you might say, as these Indian ponies weighed around 900 pounds and had plenty of spirit, got frightened at something and one of the lines broke at the bit, and I could not guide it. We went down into a ravine where lots of trees had been cut and struck the stumps, and the cart tipped over. I went out on my head and shoulders and broke the same collar bone. There was a dentist sick in bed in his house nearby, and he called his wife and told her that a young fellow had broke his neck, but it was my collar bone. The Doc set it again and told me the next time it would not mend and he would have to use silver wire to put it together. Funny thing—this same dentist accidently swallowed his false teeth and died.

Speaking of horses, my brother Harry spent a year or so as a cow puncher near Sheridan, Wyoming, and when he came back he was always getting a bronc out of the shipments of wild broncs that were coming to the yards for sale. He would break these broncs to ride and sometimes to drive. I remember one that was a big rangey fellow. Harry had a breaking cart with extra long shaves and also had hobbles on the front feet. He was getting him broke pretty fair, and I sat on the low seat with him one day. We had got near the Great Western shops when the horse gave a lunge, and I went backwards off the seat. The horse ran quite a ways before he got him tamed down, and I walked home. Harry continued on (it was a Sunday), and he decided to drive him right into the city. At Schunemans & Evans store, the horse dove into a plate glass window (cost him a \$100).

Father also had horses. He had one team that he considered pretty well broken. He was a great fisherman and used to go out to Lake Owasso (we called it Bass Lake) on Rice Street. We had very good fishing; I caught there the largest bass I ever caught—6 1/2 pounds. One day Father said, "Let's go fishing." We had a large woodshed near the barn. We had a ring attached to the barn and another to the woodshed. We would get the buck board in position, then bring one horse at a time and snap thie strap that was attached to the ring to the bit of the bridle, then the same with the other side, then slip the pole in. Father would be in the seat with the reins, then I fastened the hames to the whiffle trees on each side. Father would wrap the reins several times around his wrists, I would unfasten the straps from the rings, swing into the seat over the back, and away we would go with a rush. We had to go down the big hill, and I mean big and steep, and then at the bottom at Concord Street make a left turn toward the city. He yelled to me, "Hold me in." I put my arm around his waist and braked my feet against the dash board, and we came careening down the hill, unable to make the turn at the bottom. We went straight ahead across the railroad tracks. Straight ahead of us was a ditch they were digging for a sewer between McCormick Packing Plant and the yards with a good-sized mound on each side of the ditch. We hit that ditch, bounced up in the air and continued on straight for the smoke house of the Minnesota Packing and Provision Plant. They unload coal there, and the ground was all covered with bits of coal and coal dust. The broncs went straight for the brick smoke house, but about 20 feet from it, swerved to the left and over we went, plowing on our faces in the coal dust. But Father hung onto the reins, and some workmen grabbed the bits of the broncs and calmed them down. Fishing tackle was strewn all over, and we were a sight--faces black and some bleeding. I gathered up the tackle, Father got in and we jumped the



ditch again and made the turn all right and got on to Concord St. Father then said, "I"ll teach these so and so's to run away," and he took the whip and lashed them until we were on a dead run clear to the West Side. By the time we reached the Robert Street bridge, they had come down to a walk. There was a crowd at the rail of the bridge as an excursion bridge was getting ready to leave. Harry was to go on that boat and was also at the rail. He saw us, and jumped on the axle behind to speak to us, and this scared the broncs and they were off again. Harry dropped off, and we were going down Robert Street at a dead run. About 5th Street a policeman came running out in the street waving his club and hollering. Father yelled to him to get out of the way, and we ran all the way to Rice Street before they quit again. We finally got to the lake. They were all foam and tired out. We hitched and tied them to separate trees and went fishing. Some of the old timers still talk about that wild ride. I will not forget because I was there.

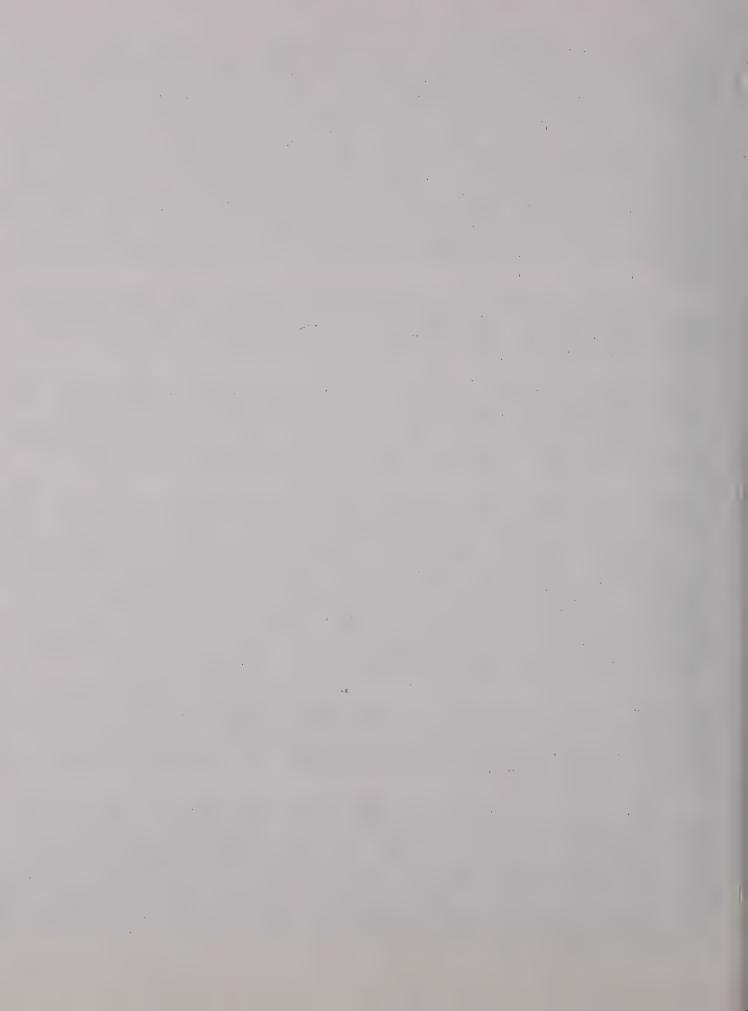
Later years Father had a couple of race horses, and I was the jockey. Charlie Freeman, now dead, was also a jockey and we had many a race down near Riverside where a mile course was laid. One time my horse, Nellie Grey, balked and ran into the woods scraping me off.

Father always rode a horse by the name of Old Bogus. He was gentle, but he did not like the rider to carry anything unusual. One of the yard boys asked Father one day if he could take Old Bogus to go up the hill as he had a package to deliver at home. Father told him to go ahead, and then he said, "Watch this." The man with the package swung on and into the saddle, and then bingo, he was down in the dust on the ground, package and all.

One year, James King, a colorful character who used to be a steamboat captain, slave driver, etc. and who ran a tumble down packing house near the river, arranged a big picnic and barbecue out at Mendota, the oldest village in Minnesota, about ten miles from South St. Paul. We all rode our horses out with all the cowboy trappings. I rode along side my idol Lasso Mack who had been scow boy on the range, also at one time with Buffalo Bill's circus. Lasso Mack was all decked in full regali, twirling his two pearl handled six shooters and shooting blanks. Was I proud to be riding with him! At Mendota they had a pit with a fire under it and a whole steer with a pole stuck through it which they turned slowly to cook it properly. It tasted wonderful although it was a little raw, and I still like my steaks medium raw. They had horse races, etc. and we had a wonderful time.

In the spring of 1897 the river flooded the stock yards to a depth of about six feet. It also did the same thing in April 195????, but this time put us out of business for only a few weeks. [1905???] However in 1897 the yards were planked, not bricked as they are now, and the planking all floated, and we were really out of business. The commission firms all moved to New Brighton.

Before I go on from here, I want to tell what happened to Lasso Mack. His job in the yards was to yard cattle from the unloading chutes to the selling pens in the yards. In the fall these cattle were mostly from Montana and the West and were wild. One day he was driving a carload from the chutes to the pens, and they were running at full speed and right behind him was another carload. They had to keep each load separate for ownership. Mack's horse's log went through a hole in the floor planking and down they went, and the following load tramped right over him. They carried him into Father's office and laid him on the couch where he died.



There was one commission firm, Rogers & Rogers, still in business.

These men came from Kentucky and were hot blooded, quick to anger. Two of ) the brothers had a place on the outskirts of town just this side of what is now Southview Golf Course. They ran a bunch of cattle there. There was a cooper by trade named Robarge who lived out there, and he had a garden and field. The Rogers cattle had got into his garden several times, and Robarge had cautioned them about it. One day the two Rogers rode into his yard, angered because Robarge had recently complained about their cattle. Robarge stood in his doorway talking to them. One of the Rogers got off his horse and picked up a double bitted ax and threw it at Robarge. The ax struck in the frame of the door. Robarge reached inside and brought a double barreled shot gun and killed one of them and wounded the other. The news quickly spread and a posse was formed. I went along and we rode out to the place. Robarge was nowhere in sight. They sent a few men to South Park to see that he did not get on the Motor Line there, and also a few men in different directions -- everybody excited. Another boy and I remained at the Robarge place. We got to looking around and finally went to the barn. I opened the door and there were two box stalls. I opened the door to one of them, and there lay Robarge. He had taken his shoe off, stuck the muzzle in his mouth and pulled the trigger. He was a sight. We jumped on our ponies and reported to some of the men. The brother who was wounded in the ear, a couple of years later, as I remember, was out in Dakota soliciting business and committed suicide in a hotel room. My mother knew Mrs. Robarge very well and visited her many times afterwards.

I worked in the yards as errand boy etc. for Uncle Allen at New Brighton for a few weeks, and one day he went over to an ice house and told me to come along. We climbed up a ladder on the outside of the ice house and crawled in, and there lay a dead man that had shot himself. I did not care too much about it and would not have gone up had I known what was up there. The ice house belonged to Peter Van Hoven.

Father at one time had a hog salesman working for him by the name of Paddy Gibbons. At the time this happened, he was working for another firm. Paddy used to sell a carload of hogs for say \$5.75 per hundred and then tell another shipper that he was bid \$5.70 for them and that he was holding out for another nickel per hundred, when all the time had them sold for the nickel more. Then he would finally tell his customer that he had good luck and got the extra nickel. He even had cards printed with him riding a hog trying to get that extra nickel. He was a hard drinking man and jealous of his wife. He got it into his head that there was an affair between his wife and the local Catholic Priest. It got on his mind so bad that one day he shot and killed the priest and then walked into the City Hall and told them what he had done. He was finally committed to the State Hospital for the insane at St. Peter, Minn. In the course of time his brother came up from Chicago and went into the commission business. Soon after Paddy escaped from the hospital and was not found. Sometime afterwards I asked Eddie how much it cost him to get Paddy out as I thought that was what happened. He said \$50 and that for \$200 he could have had all the inmates turned out. Paddy went to San Francisco where he had a son there in the commission business and worked there for several years. He got to drinking again and threatened to come back and kill his brother, so Eddie had him recommitted to St. Peter where I think he eventually died.

I was herdsman for the cows on the hill during one summer as nearly everyone of the residents kept a cow. I used a high wheeled bicycle with the little wheel in front and pedals about a foot long that worked up and



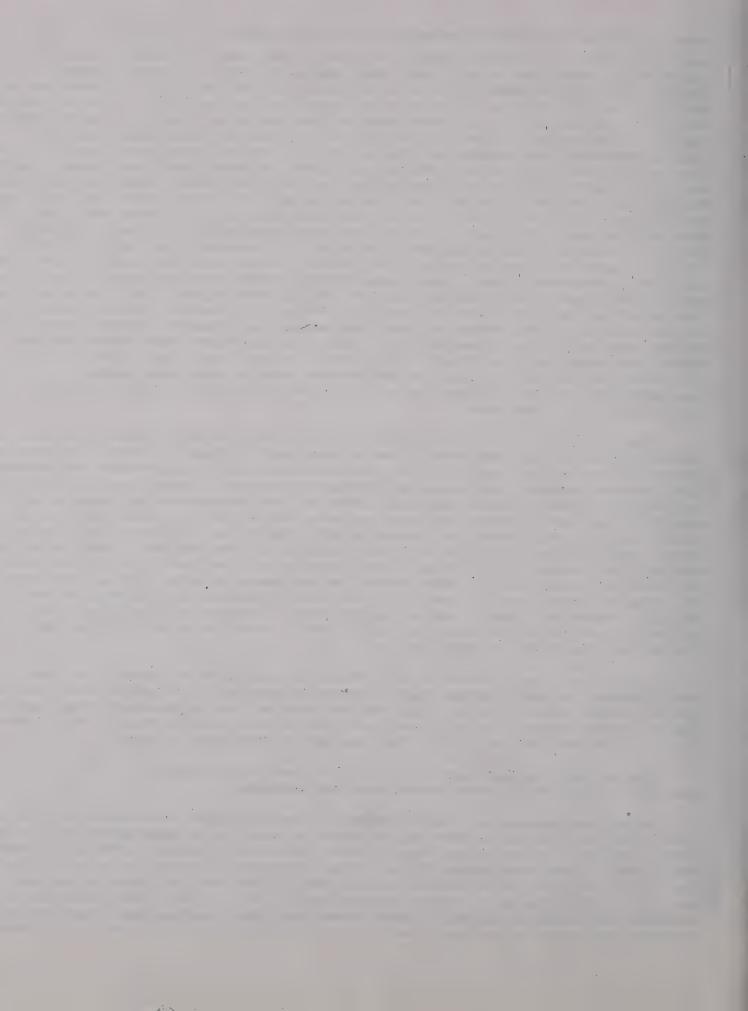
down to propel the wheel instead of the kind that went round and round. I used this wheel to round them up and bring them back at night. One day I hit a rock going down a hill and near broke my neck. Another summer I herded 300 head of ewes for J.B. Firzherald at .50 per day. It was not so bad only lots of the ewes would have lambs during the day, and sometimes I had to carry one or two of them back to the yards at night. I herded them south of the yards. Later I used to hunt there as there were raccoons, quail, woodcock and woodducks there. Also I use to hunt partridge south of town and to the right where there was plenty of quail and partridge. Harry and I dug out a pair of skunks one day and skinned them. When we got home, Mother got a whiff of us and told us to go out to the woodshed and peel off our clothes and bury them. All we had on was a pair of jeans and a shirt. She brought out a tin tub of warm water and some clean clothes. No more skunks! Another time we killed a pair of bull snakes that were six feet long and good inch in diameter. We skinned these carefully and filled them with bran mixed with salt. varnished them and put shoe buttons in for eyes and coiled them up and placed them on an old washing machine that stood just inside of our picket fence filled with Mother's flowers. People used to go by and lean over the fence to look and smell the flowers and see these two snakes and would they jump back! I had a friend Harry Moe whose brother owned the South St. Paul Daily Reporter. We had jobs there during vacation and after school let out in the afternoon, and we were soon expert typesetters. We got .10 per hour. Also we fed press. We had to make it go with pedals with our feet.

One night coming home from St. Paul on the Chicago passenger train, the train had to halt on the West Side at the foot of Page St. near the cooper factory. The water reservoir at the top of the hill had broken and washed down several houses, and some people were drowned. Father was on the train, and he and others chopped holes in some of the houses and got people out. Another time coming home the same way when we got off at South St. Paul, the three story frame Commercial House Hotel (where the Cut Rate Drug Store is today) was burning. It did not take long as it was dry as tinder, and there was no fire protection at that time. My Uncle Allen was living there, and he threw his trunk out of the window as did many others. The saloon was on the ground floor, and all we young fellows trooped in and took bottles of whiskey, boxes of cigars and billard balls. It made a fine fire. At another time the Grand Hotel at South Park burned as also did the Cooper Factory at the foot of Page St.

Father was Mayor of South St. Paul for a couple of terms. He was instrumental in getting the Rock ; Island bridge built between Inver Grove and St. Paul Park. The top was for the trains, and underneath that was for the teams and pedestrians. That part was a toll bridge until a few years ago. It helped the South St. Paul market to have the bridge.

The street railway was built in 1906 and that ended the Motor Line. Now they have torn up the tracks and use busses.

When the commission houses moved to New Brighton on account of the 1897 flood, Father and Harry went to Chicago to work for a commission firm there. They sent very little money home. Allen and Percy Vittum, then a partner, took care of the commission firm at New Brighton. Things were pretty tough for Mother and me. She used to roast barley and use in place of coffee. We had very little money. I then quit school. About that time I saw the first typesetting machine in the Pioneer Press building and decided that handtype setting would not be so good, so I applied at the Smythe Printing Co. for a



job to learn to job type setting and making up the forms. In the meantime I read an ad in the paper for a boy to work his way through school at the J.D. Hess School of Business in the Pioneer Press Building. When I opened their door, I think there must have been 25 boys there. Soon a door opened and a tall red-haired man, Professor Coffey, appeared. He looked all around the room and beckoned to me to come in. I got the job. My duties were to sweep the floor, and every Saturday to clean, oil and put new ribbons on the typewriters, and also asked if I had a bicycle. I told him, "No. but that I would get one." This was so when a business firm asked for a stenographer, I would wheel out to where they lived and tell them to come down the office as there were few phones at that time. I went to Kennedy Bros. Arms Co, and bought a Columbia hard tired wheel for \$85, paying down \$10 and the balance to be \$10 per month. At the end of the month I told Coffey that I would have to quit as I could not make payments on the wheel. He said, "Take it back and you can use mine" which I did. The saddle on his wheel always tipped up in the air, and one day going down 7th St. on my way out to Snuss Ave (really called Payne Avenue), the saddle fell off and me with it. I fell on my back (a pretty bad fall).

I had been there three months and had started taking dictation when one Saturday morning, a little short man with a fiery full red beard came in and said he wanted a stenographer to work for him at his flour mill in New Prague, Minn. I told him no one was there on Saturdays and he better come back Monday. He said, "Well, why won't you do?" I said I was not quite through school yet. However, I could really run a typewriter fast. He picked up a newspaper and started reading, and I could type it as fast as he read. He said, "You will do. Take the train for New Prague on the M & St. L road on Monday. Your salary will be \$35 per month." I agreed. About an hour later, Coffey suddenly showed up. I told him what I had done. mad! He said, "Why I have all kinds of girls wanting jobs, and you, half finished with your schooling have the nerve to take a job." I told him the man, F.A. Bean, insisted that he wanted me, and that I had given my word that I would be there Monday morning, and that was that. When I got home, there was a card for me from the Smythe people telling me they had an opening for me. However, I went to New Prague; the secretary and treasurer was W.L. Harvey.

I had difficulty reading my shorthand for awhile, but had a good memory and in time did all right. Harvey did most all of the letter writing. They had a good many salesmen on the road and also another mill at Blue Earth, Minn. They now have them in Canada and many places. Their office at that time was in what had been a one room school house. It had long round bellied stove in the center of the room where most of the heat stayed. was a few days before Thanksgiving when I went there. I had a little table with a stool in the corner for my desk, and the plaster was off on the wall under the table where my long legs had to go. I got chill blains bad with sores on the soles of my feet as big as a dime. I had them every year for several winters. They were building a brand new modern mill to take the place of the old one and also an office building separate from the mill, and in a couple of months or so, we moved into it. The people were all Bohemians; the land was rich, and they raised lots of wheat. Every day during the winter, the teams and plenty of them were ox teams brought wheat to the mill. Lots of the young men from way back as far as 20 miles would stare at a train if one was passing at the time, this being the first one they had ever sene. Hardly any of them could speak English as their parents did not speak it. The people in town talked plenty of their own language, but could talk English too. They all seemed to be related to one another,

and you had to be careful what you said about anyone. I stayed at a boarding house where the mill hands boarded; nights if I wanted to read, I had to stay out in the main room as all the light I had in my litle room was a candle to go to bed by. The next year I had a room over a little cigar factory across from the depot. The people who owned lived in the rear of the factory. I had a bad cold and fever for several days, but no one seemed to care. The woman did come up one day with a bowl of soup. I was taking my meals then at the hotel and met many of the traveling men. I got acquainted with the young people and went to parties and dances, and could even talk a little Bohemian. I had a girl who sang in the choir which was up in the balcony of the church. I used to sometimes sit with the choir as there would be a party or something to do afterwards. I got acquainted with the local priest, and he loaned me books and magazines to read. I always greeted him on the street as Father, but never took off my hat to him as did the natives.

After being there a couple of years, my brother-in-law Peter Harvey got me a job in Minneapolis. Mr. Bean did not like me to leave and tried hard to make me stay, but I quit and went to work for B.F. Nelson Lumber and Paper Co. I worked for the paper company on the East Side, run by R.F. Nelson's son. I stayed with the Harveys on Cromwell Avenue where he had built a house and rode my bicycle to work. One Sunday I went home to South St. Paul. Swift & Co had a 99 year lease on the old packing house and were starting up, and Mother had taken the first Superintendent, Mr. Wakefield, his wife and daughter to board. At dinner he wanted to know where I worked. When I told him, he said he needed a stenographer and I could go to work for him Monday morning. I told him I would give my employer two weeks notice and then come, which I did. I think Swift came in the fall of 1898. I worked for Mr. Wakefield: then he was transferred: then Mr. Haskinson, and then I ran the office and kept the records for three months before Mr. Burns was appointed. I said before that Mr. Wakefield was transferred. He came into the office and said to me, "It is not like some of the others say that I have resigned." He said, "I got fired, and would you go out in the yards and ask your brother Harry if he would take back the horse I bought from him lately and go to the railroad department and order a car for my household goods to go to Chicago" (as by that time he had a house of his own). It seems some spotter from Chicago had reported something on him. Anyhow he went to Chicago and went to work as Supertendent for the S & S Co. Later Swift & Co hired him back again, and he became Traveling Superintendent for Swift & Co and went to England, South America and anywhere they had plants. I saw him again many years later on one of his trips to South St. Paul. When I told Mr. J.S. Bangs, General Manager of Swifts at South St. Paul, that I was going to quit and go with my father in the commission business, he tried very hard to keep me there. He said he liked me and that if it was a matter of wages, he would attend to that. I was getting \$18 per week at the time which was a very good wage for the time. I told him, No, that I thought I should go with Father. He said, "If you stay, in a few months I will make you Assistant Superintendent." However, I quit and went to work for Fitch & Co.

Before I went to work for Fitch & Co, however, I took a vacation as I had \$100 saved up. I told the folks I was going somewhere; I did not really know where. On my way down the hill, Jack Lawler was just coming out of his house. I had a small grip with me. He asked where I was going. I said, "On vacation, but have not made up my mind yet." He said, "Wait a minute till I change my clothes. I sold my horse today for \$135, and I will go with you." We went up St. Paul and had a few drinks and then up Robert



Street was a ticket office advertising round trip tickets for Buffalo, New York, where the Pan American Exposition was in progress. We went in and found that the round trip by boat was \$29, but that we could not catch the boat at Duluth, but we could go-by train and catch it at Sault St. Marie which we did. I had fun watching the vessels going through the locks at the Soo. We met some Indians on the Canadian Side drinking white whiskey and had a few ourselves and found their business was taking tourists up the St. Mary River a mile or so up and then back and shooting the rapids. I said I was all for that (I forget now what the charge was). I got in one of their canoes. They had me take off my straw hat and stick it under a rubber poncho sort of thing that fastened to each side of the canoe, and just left my head sticking out, to keep the spray from my clothing. They poled up near the shore until they got to their starting down place, and then out into the rushing current where there were all kinds of rocks sticking up. One man was in the front with his long pole and one was in the back with me in the middle. I forget the time it took to come down that mile and a half, but it did not take long and was a very dangerous trip. Lawler was sitting on the bank saying his beads for me and said that when I got out of the canoe, my face was as white as a sheet. When we were in New York several days later, I saw where a boy and his father that were from Ohio were drowned making this same trip. I said above that we were to get the boat at the Soo, but we had to go to the Soo and spend most of the day there and then take the Duluth South Shore and Atlantic road to St. Ignace, Mich. which we did and where we got on the boat and went from there to Detroit and down the river there to Lake Erie and then to Cleveland, Ohio. The boat stopped there for two hours, and we went on shore and started up Euclid Avenue to see all the sights, which we did, and when we got back to the dock, our boat was gone. They told us we could take the next steamer which would leave at ten that night, but they would have no staterooms for us, and our baggage would be in Buffalo on the other boat which was all right with us as they had a good crowd on the boat we took at ten (plenty of dancing etc.) When the rest went to bed, we stretched out on the floor of the main saloon and went to sleep. We did the Pan American the next day and then took the Empire State Express for New York City, the fastest thing on rails at that time, only one stop at Albany between Buffalo and New York. We did all the sights in New York: Statue of Liberty, Jim Broady's saloon, the fellow that jumped off the Brooklyn Bridge into the East River, Coney Island. Lawler would not go swimming, but I did. On a Saturday night, we did The Bowery which I will never forget.

A few weeks after we returned from our trip, President McKinley was shot and killed in the Music Room at the Pan American Exposition in Buffalo by a fanatic by the name of Sonolgas. The boys used to kid me, as they said with a few days beard on my face, I looked like the killer.

When I was going to the Hess School, I use to eat at the old Bethel Boat tied up at the foot of Jackson Street. It was for down and outers, but was very clean and had good food. I ate there every noon. I could get beans, potatoes, bread for from 9 to 11 cents per meal. We had much the same fare every day. I also had to have 50 cents every week for my Motor fare from South St. Paul (10 rides for 50 cents). I still have a ticket with four fares not used.

Quite a few people have been killed at the railroad crossing at the entrance to the yards. I remember the one where the manager of the Minnesota Packing and Provision Co was killed. He use to drive a fine

driving team. One afternoon about five o'clock, a train hit him and he and the horses were killed.

At one time a company was formed, and they built an overhead street car line at South Park. They had a mile of it built. The car hung from an overhead rail. They actually had it in operation and were selling stock. It was to go to St. Paul. It was patterned after one that was in use in Europe. People did not buy enough stock and the deal fell through.

Gustavus F. Swift, the founder of Swift & Co, used to make trips to his plants. He came to South St. Paul one time, while I was working there. We came in the back way; no one saw him come in, and no one paid any attention to him as he had on a pair of overalls and old shirt and an old straw hat. He looked like an old time farmer. He went all over the plant and noticed plenty of things wrong. He would then go up to J.S Bang's office, the manager of the plant, and Mr. Bangs would send for me, and old G. F. would dictate letters to me to the various heads of the different departments giving them hell for the way things were running.

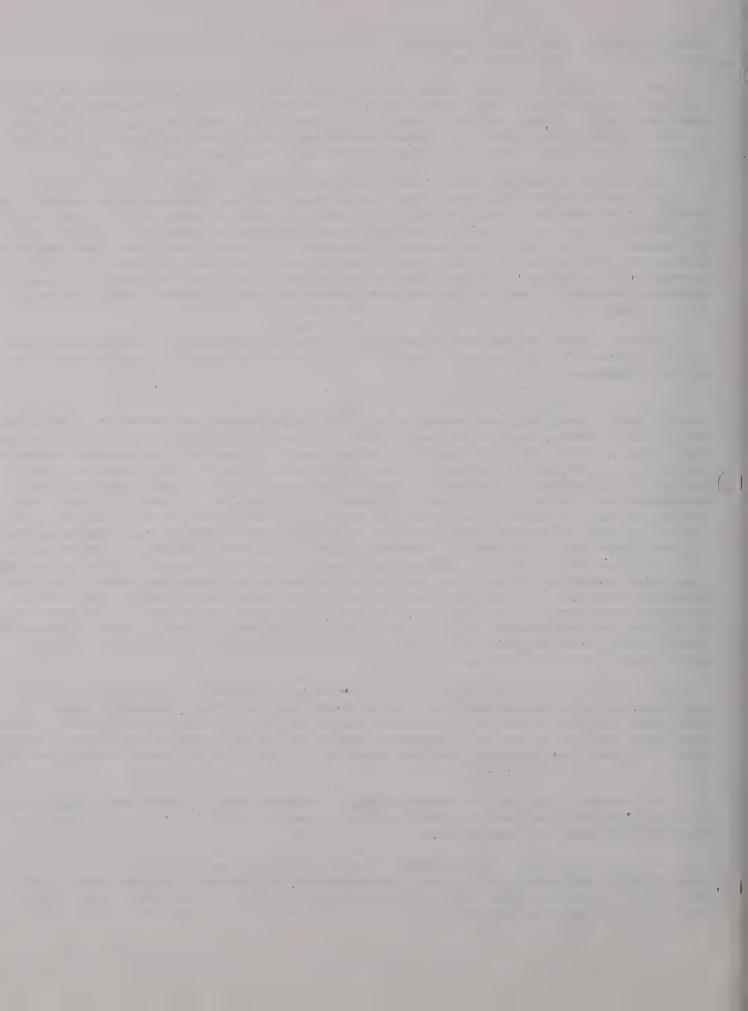
After I was in the yards one day, I sold a carload of Angus steer to a man who proved to be Lous F. Swift. They were shipped to his palatial home at Lake Geneva, Ill.

As a boy I had a rowboat and later a duck boat on the river. I used to have a trot line, a good stout wire line, with hooks attached to fish lines about every three feet from each other. I would stretch it half way across the river with a big rock on the end to keep it down so the steamer wheels would not catch it. I used to catch several kinds of fish, but the blue channel catfish were the best. Every Thursday I would sell them to regular customers on the hill. I also did some duck hunting. I would cross the river, go up the creek and into the Pigs Eye slough or lake. One Saturday I was to go with a boy by the name of Waterous whose father ran the Waterous Engine Works at South Park. However, our plans were changed, and he went with another boy. Frank Kiesow and I went in my duck boat. We did not see them over there on this trip, but when we returned home, we heard that young Waterous reached for his gun and pulled it across a seat with the muzzle pointed toward him. He was shot in the side, and the other boy landed and half carried him across a strip of land to the main river. Some fishermen there rowed them across the Mississippi to South Park. However, he died soon after reaching shore.

I think this is enough of these stories, although I have plenty more such as: shining shoes and selling a paper called the Saturday Blade. I also made stove polish and did well selling it. I used to walk into their kitchens, polish up about a foot of the old kitchen range, and the sale was made. I have the receipt yet for making it, but the kitchen ranges are no more.

My father died at 79 years of age. Mother was 97 when she died and was only sick about two weeks. She was very keen and alert all her life; her hearing and eyesight were good.

Harry, two years older than I, bought cattle here for Swift & Co when they first came here, but later transferred to Denver. He got sick there and came home and later died, about 40 years ago. Giles kept books for Fitch & Co. He died at 56.

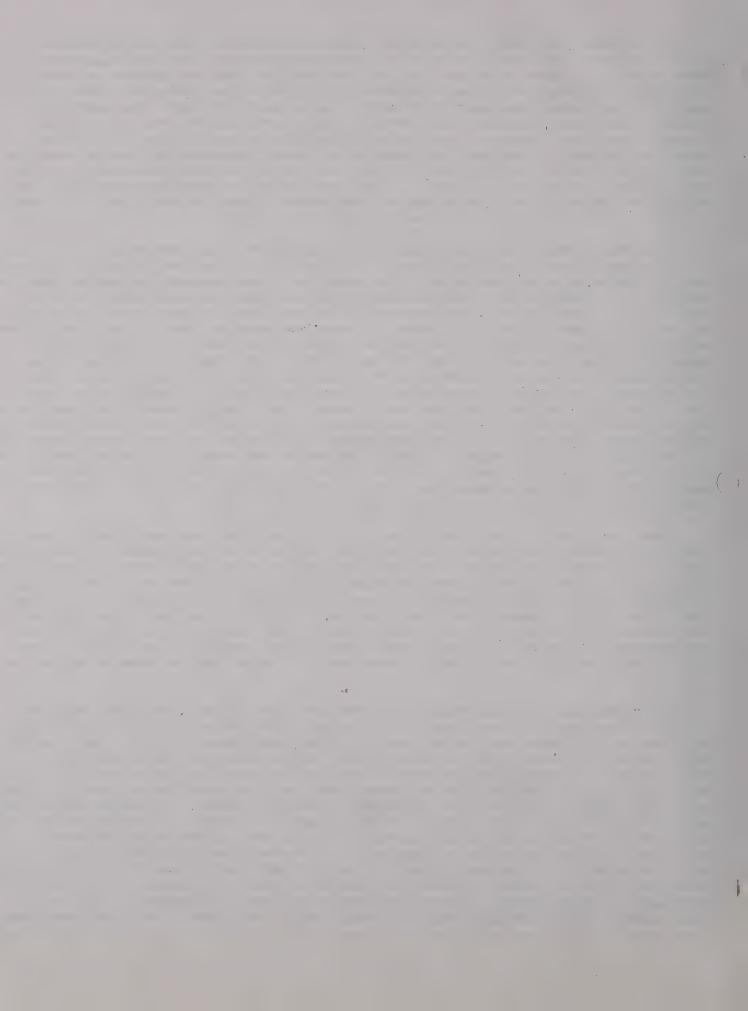


My sister May taught school in the early days at the old Stickney School at South St. Paul. In later years Genevieve S. Varien taught at the same school. I went with her to the various parties and dances at the old City Hall and eventually married her June 1904 at her home on a farm 8 miles south of Hastings. We went to the St. Louis World's Fair. We went by steamer down the Mississippi on the old side wheeler St. Paul. From St. Louis we went to Chicago. We visited Fred Paris down at the yards (our agent in Chicago). He had just bought a French automobile, and he and his wife and son met us at our hotel, and they drove us around Chicago. This was our first ride in an auto. It had no top to it, and the back seat stuck way up in the air. At the sides of the seats, they had hand rails to hang on to. I think the top speed was 35 miles per hour.

Our first home was a cottage at 591 Selby Ave. on the street car line, a few houses away from Dale Street. Across the street were the car barns, and in the middle of the night, the dummy car that pushed the cable cars up the hill at Pleasant Ave. would wake us up as they changed dummy cars at that time. Later they built the Selby Tunnel and did away with the cable. Marjorie was born in this cottage. I used to have to get up at five in the morning in order to have breakfast and take the street car to the Union Depot and catch the six o'clock Motor to South St. Paul. Later we moved to the West Side to a house owned by Mrs. Manifold on Congress Street. lived there two years. When Norman Purves married my wife's sister Anna. they lived with us for one year as it was a very large house. We then moved to the Isabel Flats, or rather apartments on Isable St. and lived there eight years. We then built the house at 1120 Laurel Ave and lived there for 35 years when my wife died. I sold the house and went to live my son-in-law John W. Pearson. My other daughters Elizabeth Ann and Lucile Varien were both born at St Luke's Hospital. Now I have six grandchildren. One of them, Anne Shirk, 21, is to be married June 11, 1955.

When at the St. Louis World's Fair, I insisted that we take a ride on the Ferris Wheel. My wife did not think too much of the idea, but anyhow we did. It was the same wheel they had at the Chicago World's Fair, and it was a big one. I think there were 20 cars hanging on it, and each one was as large as a street car. Everything was all OK until we got to the top when the darned thing stopped, and our car was right at the top. There we sat for an hour and a half by the clock, and I could see men working with big wrenches that looked to be six feet long in the center of the hub. I was fit to be tied and scared too. There were no more Ferris Wheels for me or high places.

Getting back to New Prague, I remember the cloud burst they had one night. There was a creek that ran through town and was usually almost dry, but that night there was water two to three feet deep all over town, and a short ways from town, the railroad track was washed out which made a very large hole. A freight train came along in the night and plunged into this hole, and almost the whole train went down in this deep hole, smashing the cars into kindling wood, the contents spread all over. It was a whole week before trains could run on the M & St L again. I had a plate camera at that time, and I went out and took plenty of pictures. I had a place where I could develop and wash the plates etc. I showed the pictures to our railroad agent, and he sent them to the Minneapolis office of the railroad. They had three of these pictures spread over the front page of one of the Minneapolis newspapers to show the public why the trains could not run. They wanted to pay me for the pictures, but I told them I did not want pay. Some days later they mailed me an annual pass on the M & St L. I then could



go home once and a while, as I was only getting \$35 per month and had to pay for room and board out of that.

We had fun on Halloween. We put buggies up on top of roofs, changed the sign of the young Dr. Novak who had recently come to town from the old country with the young dressmaker's sign, etc. We always ended up about midnight at the local brewery where we were always welcomed. We heated iron pokers and stuck them in huge copper steins filled with beer, which made the beer much better, so they said.

Mr. Bean, president of the New Prague Milling Co, used to go to Minneapolis once and a while to buy wheat at the Board of Trade there. He would go up on the morning train from New Prague, and come back in the evening, but that train did not stop at New Prague, so he would have to get off at Jordan. The red headed young bookkeeper and I took turns to drive his fine driving team up to Jordan to meet him at eight in the evening, and we were always privileged to take a girl along which we did, and then the girl and I would sit in the back seat coming home, a two seated surry with the fringe on top. Mr. Bean also invited me to drive with him one Sunday to visit his daughter who was going to Carlton College at Northfield. Mr. Bean's wife was in a hospital for the insane. He put an old shot gun in the carriage in case we saw any game. About halfway there, we saw a couple of prairie chickens on top of a haystack. I sneaked on them, but they flew away before I could get a shot. I was very much surprised when this little full red bearded man, a short ways out of town commenced to recite poetry which he did all the way to Northfield. It was quite a surprise to me.

After Lent was over, they had at New Prague what they called "Crazy Days." They had two dance halls in town with a bar at each, and after Lent they would dance night and day for a couple of days. One night about six of we boys drove to St Patrick, maybe six miles from New Prague. All that was there was a Catholic church and a big barn with the bottom part for horses and the upper part was the dance hall with bar, of course. We were Bohemians, and they were Irish, and the result was always a big fight sometime in the course of the evening. That night it was a dandy. I managed to keep to the sidelines which was lucky for me as one of the Rybak boys from New Prague had a large glass beer myg thrown at him which caught him on the cheek and left a six inch scar on his cheek which he still wears.

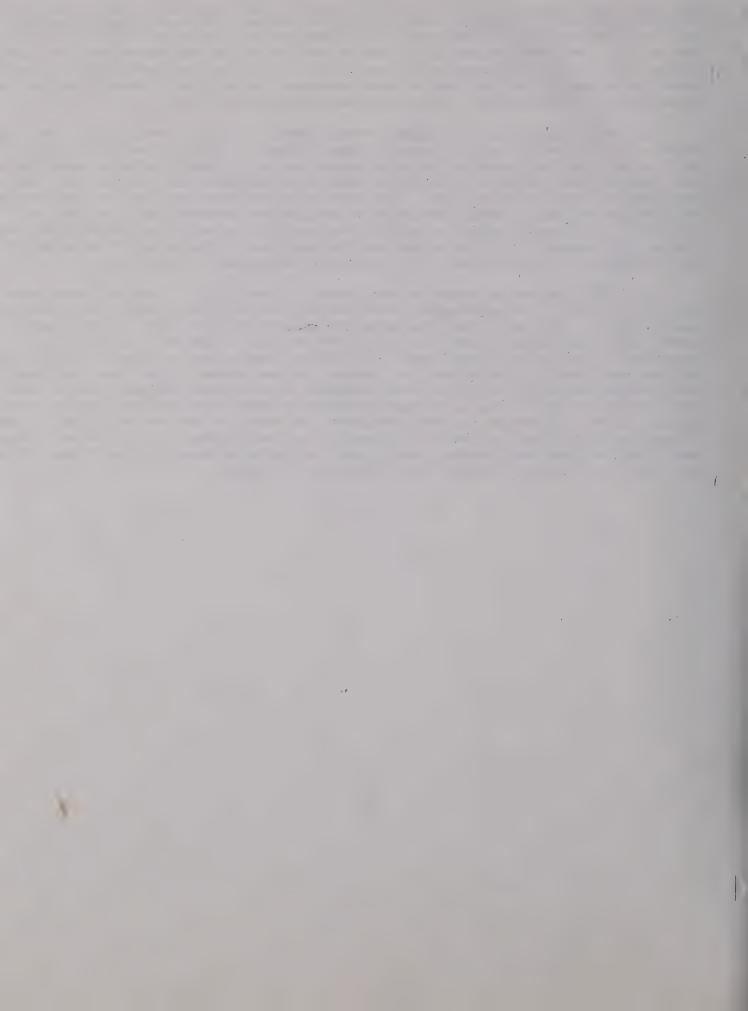
Our ball team went to play the team at Montgomery one Sunday. No trains were supposed to run on Sunday. We had a four seated surrey. We went down a ravine and were just about to cross the tracks when along came a wrecking train. We were going down the hill at a fast clip, but the driver pulled the horses to the side into a ditch just as the train passed. We had all been singing and did not hear the train—a very narrow escape! We sometimes had a rabbit hunt near town on Sundays and a very good time.

The first ice cream I ever ate was when Uncle Allen took me to dinner in the Exchange which was located where Crosby's office is now. That winter he took me to St Paul 1888 to see the Winter Carnival. They had a wonderful ice palace, a large one, with turrets and everything all lit up, located on lower Fourth Street (that park there). The first Winter Carnival was 1886, then 1887, then 1888, but too mild a winter for 1889. The carnival was not revived until Louis W. Hill, Sr. did in 1916, and that was probably the best of all, anyhow the largest. The Hook 'Em Cows had a big horse troop and a big bunch of marchers also. My daughter Marjorie, 11 years old, also had her carnival suit, and they were dandies. I have mine vet, and sent hers to

Marjaria and I were walking up 6th 8t during the carnival, and Louis Hill's fine sleigh with a double team and the driver all in furs stopped and got out in front of the old Metropolitan Theater Bldg (who had offices upstairs). He knew me and told the driver to drive us where ever we wished to go. We got in the seat which was high up in the back and drove up and down the streets for two hours, and whenever we sighted a Hook 'Em Cow, we gave them the high sign. We were some pumpkins that day.

Our firm sold the live stock from James J. Hill's North Oak farm, and I have talked with Mr. Hill several times (James J. Hill, I mean). Louis Hill's son, Walter, was quite a horseman and wild devil, and he used to come down during Fair Week and borrow a couple of broncs from Father to ride in the potato races at the Fair. They had lots of polo ponies, but Walter said he thought he could beat them with a good bronc trained to turn cattle quickly. They would spear a potato and had to carry it to the end of the field, and deposit it there, and on the way over, the other riders would try to dislodge it, but Walter with his bronc was usually the winner.

In 1888 the horse drawn street cars called G.O.P. cars as sometimes going up a hill, the passengers had to get out and push, were replaced with cable cars. I do not know the date the electric cars came in, but soon after they did, when I was living at 591 Selby, I was on a car going downtown. The Selby Tunnel was built then, and a lot of leaves in the fall of the year had collected on the tracks in the tunnel. Our car ran away; the brakes would not hold, and we smashed into another street car at the foot of the tunnel. Quite a few passengers were hurt and one woman, quite badly. I had my knees against the seat in front of me and sprained my back. I settled with them for \$100, although they said they did not think I was entitled to that much money, but I was building a house at the time. I did not arge with them, but got the hundred all right.



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march 6,2007 Dear Betty, I've appreciated all you told me and sent about the Fitch family. my sister and are certainly learning from your example. Bette Chamberlain, my sister, and + enjoy this work tremendously. The live in different states so it takes is us awhile in responding, I started this in Sept, therbing it would be a nice gift for my oldest sister Luann Hart for Christmas. My original work is being proof read by Bette. Then she is adding more information Adocumentation, Bythe time you read this it will be all together. Our unsophisticated documentation for each family group is listed on each page. If you need anything clarified just ask us. The Union Stock yards in South At. Paul, minn, evere built in 1886. Eminn, with People, Vol III, p221) Charles Fitch, his brother allen's and Louis Palmer were the first livestock brokers in the mere South St. Paul It: Authion Stock yards 100th anniversary - 1886-1986, p 20,

bride's father, Mayor Fitch, of South St. Paul, Mr. Peter Harvey was married to Miss May Fitch, known here, was for several years Rev. C. A. Peddicord officiating. The happy couple left the same night for a two week's visit at the Mutual Insurance Co., of this city, now defunct, and now has a very for the John H. Rich Sewer Pipe world's fair. The groom is well stenographer for the Citizen's lucrative position as stenographer Works, of Red Wing Minn .-HARVEY-FITCH. - On Waterloo Courier.

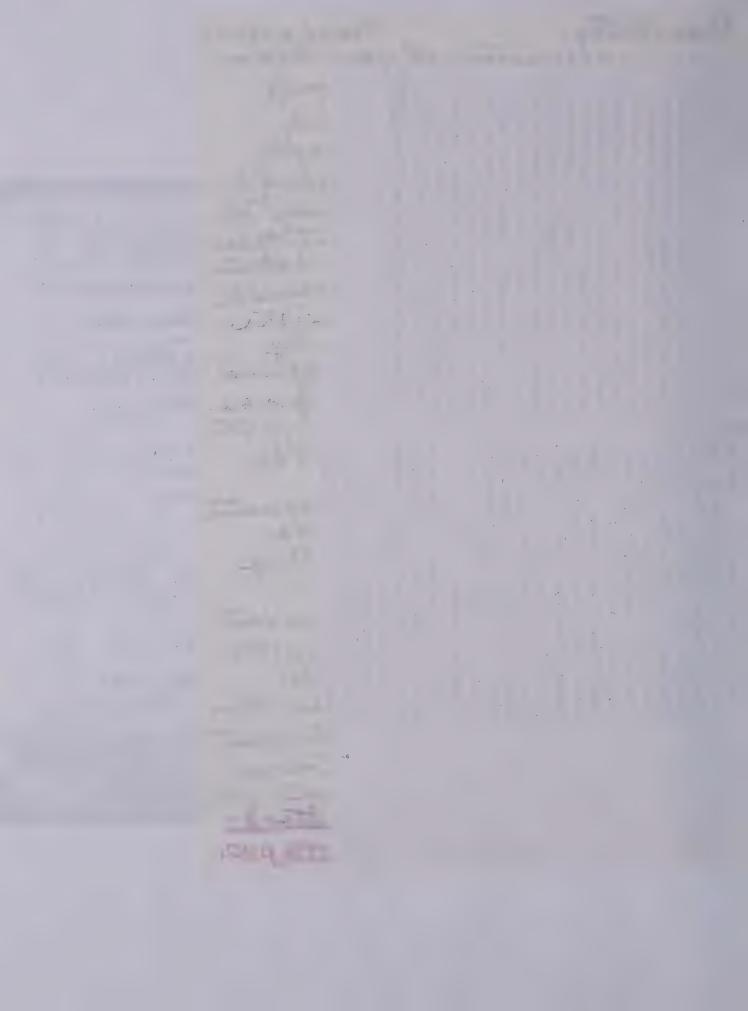
Both the parties to the above. were formerly from Clarksville, where they have many friends whose best wishes will follow them

to their new home.

When they came to drink, it was my older brother · There was a big spring on the farm, and Father had it walled up so as to make a large pool some 20 feet square and 12 feet deep. He was dealing in horses then and had a Nathaniel's job to see that the colts did not get kicked into the pool. One day Nat got kicked in. Father missed him and went to the pool and saw him lying on the bottom of the pool. He dove in and brought him up and with the assistance of Mother and (sister) May, they rolled him over hig bunch of them, some of them with colts by their sides. a barrel to get the water out of his lungs, but to no avail.

memories of charles Oakley Fitch. Fitch Fitch Family Reunion newsletter brother) and I had new shoes and new straw hats. The casket was placed in a lumber wagon, and Nat was buried in a small country cemetery, one of the first to be buried I can remember the funeral, as Harry (another there. Nat had just turned 8 a few days before he died.

Sunday & Mous, xiller



Saturday & Dear Belly The letter is long overdue, Between the Church pictoral phonebook project and my atrial fibulation + stopped all other projects, Thankful Im fine now, I read the Charles Filch history update, plus the 1400 information & was glod for all you and ann wrotel web Sorry & never copied Rosie Mays or makel anderson's prof. photos. a few suggested thanges + updates; 1) Rosie May Fitch-born Sigourney 19 died 24 Oct. 1966 in Thels, Minn. 2) Peter Harvey (Rosie's hersband) died - Moles (3) Kenneth Fitch Harvey (their son) only married once 18 Dec 1937 in Denver Colo. to my mon, Bernice alberta Rice Wire. (Never heard of Doris H. Hazelton-if you can prove this I'd want to know all!)

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(June () Dear Betty, Thanks again for your letter. We leave Sunday for Felorida to see my sister Luann, her three children, and grandchildren, yes, those new twins, Dope the fires + smoke have calmed down in Jacksonville area (+ hwy 10) 66 miss jesta a. Judson # 33276 Boin in Winslow, Ill. Descendant of Paul Keeler, Jr. Daughter of Cornelius At Lucy Keeler Granddaughter of William Keeler and cleanor sterling Great grandaughter of Paul 57 Keeler, Jr. and Saroh Corwell 57 taken from Lineage Book DAR, Since she was recorded as mist" Vol34, 198, 19/2. gesta a Judson by the DAR in 1912 she may be they one you found. born in 1843.

(3 why later) after returning home from our Florida tup + can confirm your information Kenneth Fitch Harveys 1st marriage ses correct. Luann, my sister shad read Tofthe marriage in a family Bible.

Dad had her promise not to tell anyone.

However, my questioning her led hat to

Confirm this, There were no children Boon. This was a relief to her as sad said there were none at the time she found this out, Cabout 1970? The Bible was not in man's posession to at the time of her death but she know ofallthis.
g-1-02 many telephone calls later and Better trip to Florida, plus Better research at the Hennepin Co. Cour fouse in Mpls, we can confirm 2 & Dad's divoice on may 1,1936. Ule By were all in agreement this date may be added to your files, Medless to say his 1st marriag 33 was a shock to Bette & me - 33 seventhough & realized it could be possible. Alfour children now personally telling each of them

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Contacted you about this.

Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota Home in 1930: Age: 20 abt 1910 Estimated birth year: Relation to Daughter Head of House: Father's Grace F name: Mother's Mabel C name: Occupation: Education: Military Service: Rent/home value: View image Age at first marriage: Parents' birthplace: Neighbors: View others on page Household Age Name Members: 65 Grace F Hazelton 52 Mabel C Hazelton 20 Doris G Hazelton 22 Earl C Carlson

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Home in 1920:	Minneapolis Ward 8, Hennepin, Minnesota	
Age:	9 years	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1911	
Birthplace:	Minnesota	
Relation to Head of House:	Daughter	
Father's name:	Grosvenor G	
Father's Birth Place:	New York	
Mother's name:	Mabel C	
Mother's Birth Place:	Wisconsin	
Marital Status:	Single	
Race:	White	
Sex:	Female	
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Neighbors:	View others on page	
Household	Name	Ag
Members:	Grosvenor G Hazelton	55
	Mabel C Hazelton	43
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#### Jesta Judso Clarion, Wright, Iowa Home in Age: 14 Estimated abt 1866 birth year: Birthplace: Illinois Sister-in-law Relation to head-ofhousehold: Father's Pennsylvania birthplace: Mother's Ohio birthplace: Neighbors: View others on page At Home Occupation: Marital Single Status: Race: White Gender: Female Cannot read/write: Blind: Deaf and dumb: View image Otherwise disabled: Idiotic or insane: Household Age Name Members: 23

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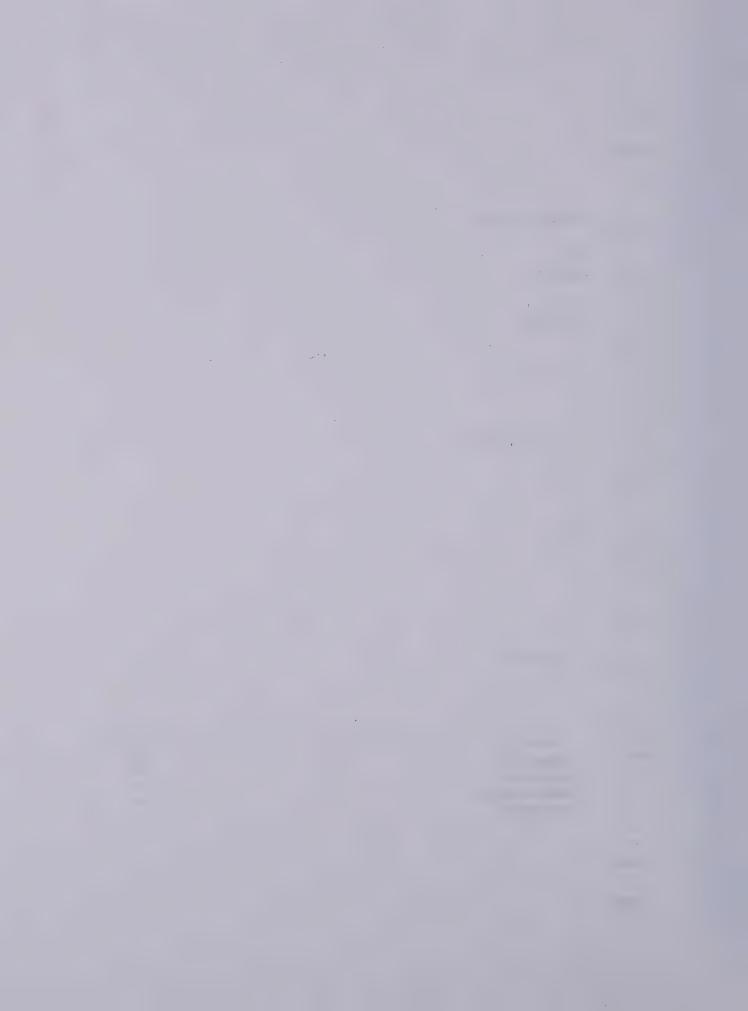
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# Joseph Keeler (common ancestor)

Paul Keeler, Sr. ———	brothers —	-Elijah Keeler
Paul Keeler, Jr.	1st cousins ——	- Rebecca Keeler
Gould Canfield ————	2nd cousins ——	- Elijah Keeler Bangs
William Canfield ———	- 3rd cousins ——	– Mary A. Bangs
William H. Canfield ——	4th cousins ——	— David D. Walker
George D. Meitzler ———	5th cousins ——	— George Herbert Walker
Theodore Meitzler ——— (	6th cousins ———	- Dorothy Walker
Leland Meitzler ———	7th cousins ——	— George Herbert Walker Bush

Since Leland Meitzler and President George Bush are the same number of generational steps removed from their common ancestor, Joseph Keeler, they are whole cousins, in this case, 7th cousins.

The relationship between any two people in either lineage not in the same generation needs to be indicated by their removal, that is, the number of generational steps removed from being a whole cousin.

For example, Leland's father, Theodore Meitzler and President Bush are 6th cousins, once removed. In other words, President Bush is one generation removed from being a whole 6th cousin, therefore they are 6th cousins, once removed."

# Other examples:

George D. Meitzler and President Bush are 5th cousins, twice removed. George D. Meitzler and David D. Walker are 4th cousins, once removed. William H. Canfield and President Bush are 3rd cousins, four times removed. And so on...

Not on the chart are Leland's sons, who are both 8th cousins to President George Walker Bush.



#### Judso

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Home in Freeport Ward 2, Stephenson, Illinois

1900:

Age: 57

Estimated abt 1843

birth year:

Birthplace: Illinois

Relationship

to head-of-

house:

Race: White

Occupation:

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Neighbors: View others on page

Household Name Members:

Sister

 Elma Young
 49

 Walter J Young
 28

 Harry F Young
 17

 Jesta A Judson
 57

Age

# Jesta Adelia Judson

Born: 3 Jul 1866

Freeport, Stephenson, Illinois, USA

# **James T Kelley**

**Born:** 10 Feb 1861 in St Joseph, [county], Missouri, USA **Died:** Nov 1935 in Bellflower, [county], California, USA

Marriage: 17 Mar 1888 in Denver, [county], Colorado, USA View Info

Children	Sex	Birth
Mary Priscilla Kelley	F	
Charles Cecil Kelley	М	18 Apr 1889 in St Louis, [county], Missouri, USA
Cora C Kelley	F	17 Feb 1891 in Denver, [county], Colorado, USA
Majory Ellen Kelley	F	13 Dec 1892 in Denver, [county], Colorado, USA
Alice Sarah Kelley	F	27 Jun 1895 in Denver, [county], Colorado, USA



Mrytle Kelley	F	1896 in Denver, [county], Colorado, USA
James Kelley	М	17 Aug 1897 in Denver, [county], Colorado, USA
Jesta Kelley	F	19 Apr 1899 in Denver, [county], Colorado, USA



#### **Doris** Hazelt on Home in Porter, Van Buren, Michigan 1900: Age: Estimated abt 1898 birth year: Birthplace: Michigan Relationship Daughter to head-ofhouse: Father's Henry name: Mother's Lena name: Race: White Occupation: View image Neighbors: View others on page Household Name Age Members: 31 **Henry Hazelton** 29 Lena Hazelton Henry Hazelton 1 2 **Doris Hazelton** 7 Caryl Hazelton 19 Jessie Baldwin

Record	Doris Hazelton	Nelson, Jennie	Wesley, Will, IL	abt 1905	Illinois	Daughter
<u>View</u> <u>Record</u>	Doris R Hazelton	Henry, Lena	Porter, Van Buren, MI	abt 1898	Michigan	Daughter
<u>View</u> <u>Record</u>	Doris L Razalton [Doris L Hazelton] 🛆	Kellie B, Lillian D	New Hampton, Belknap, NH	abt 1903	New Hampshire	Daughter
<u>View</u> <u>Record</u>	Doris Hazelton	Irvin, Edith	German Flatts, Herkimer, NY	abt 1903	New York	Daughter
<u>View</u> <u>Record</u>	Doris B Hazelton	Ulysses G, Anna	Salt Lick, Perry, OH	abt 1903	Ohio	Daughter

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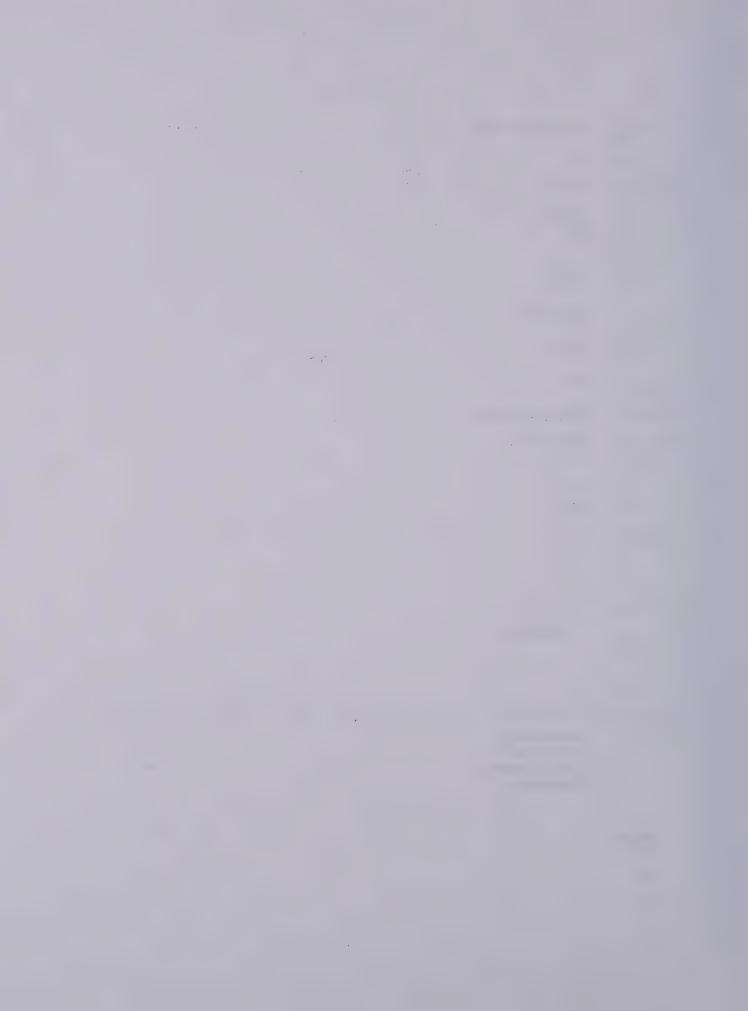
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Home in Clarion, Wright, Iowa

1880:		
Age:	21	
Estimated birth year:	abt 1859	
Birthplace:	Illinois	
Relation to head-of- household:	Wife	
Spouse's name:	William	
Father's birthplace:	Pennsylvania	
Mother's name:	Rebecca	
Mother's birthplace:	Ohio	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Occupation:	Keeping House	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Female	
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Births/Adoptions Continued:

Bill Cassell

9 Independence Avenue Lexington MA 02173

Or call: 617-862-6172

# Fitch Family Vital Records Update

Your Name: _		Your Phone Number:					
	Please take a few minutes to review the attached information about your branch of our extended Fitch family. If it needs updating or correcting, please note the changes on the attachment and/or this sheet (back and front) and send these sheets back to me. Thank you very much.						
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### **Daniel Bradley**

**Born:** 11 Jun 1704

Fairfield, [county] , Connecticut, USA

**Died:** 23 Apr 1765

Ridgefield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA

#### Spouse 1

#### **Esther Burr**

**Born:** 31 Jan 1703 in Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA **Died:** 29 Dec 1741 in Ridgefield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA

Marriage: Jun 1724 in Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA View Info

Children	Sex	Birth
Abigail Bradley	F	25 Apr 1725 in Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA
Jabez Bradley	М	20 Feb 1727 in Rec Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA
Daniel Bradley	М	20 May 1729 in Rec Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA
Esther Bradley	F	30 Mar 1733 in Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA
Stephen Bradley	М	14 Dec 1734 in Rec Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA
Phillip Burr Bradley	М	26 Mar 1738 in Rec Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA
Elizabeth Bradley	F	22 Dec 1741 in Rec Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA

#### Spouse 2

#### **Mary Fitch**

Born:

Died: 21 Oct 1746

Marriage: Mar 1743 in Rec Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA View Info

Children Sex Birth

Ruhamah Bradley F 31 Jul 1745 in Rec Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA

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#### Spouse 3

#### Sarah Scribner

Born: abt 1724 in Norwalk, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA

**Died:** abt 1783

Marriage: Mar 1749 View Info

Children Sex Birth

Eunice Bradley F 22 Jul 1752 in Rec Fairfield, Fairfield, Connecticut, USA

Daniel's parents were Daniel Bradley and Abigail Jackson from New Haven. Of course this is only as good as the researcher but it came from Ancestry.com POR TEXT OF THE PERSON AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PERSON AND THE PERS

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- ELISHA \ ELIAS ALVORD 12345
- Sex: M
- Birth: 19 JUN 1717 in Northampton, Hampshire Co., Massachusetts
- Death: 28 JAN 1776 in Greenfield, Fairfield Co., Connecticut 6.7
- Burial: Greenfield Hills Cemetery <sup>5</sup>

Father: THOMAS ALVORD b: 28 AUG 1683 in Northampton, Hampshire Co.,

Massachusetts

Mother: MARY STRONG b: 29 DEC 1690 in Northampton, Hampshire Co.,

Massachusetts

Marriage 1 Abigail FINCH b: ABT 1718

Marriage 2 <u>HANNAH GOODSELL</u> b: 9 AUG 1726 in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Connecticut

• Married: 9 MAY 1745 in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Connecticut 8 9 10

#### Children

- 1. Abigail ALVORD b: 29 JUN 1746 in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Connecticut
- 2. Hannah ALVORD b: 9 MAR 1747/48 in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Connecticut
- 3. Sohn ALVORD b: 11 JUL 1750 in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Connecticut
- 4. Elihu ALVORD b: 23 JUL 1753 in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Connecticut
- 5. MARY (Molly) ALVORD b: 26 APR 1754 in Fairfield, Fairfield Co., Connecticut

Marriage 3 Mary HANFORD b: ABT 1718 in of Greenfield Hill, Fairfield Co., Connecticut

• Married: 1758 in Fairfield, Fairfield, CT

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Publication: Boston: H.W. Dutton & Son, 1864

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2. Title: The History of the Descendants of Elder John Strong of Northampton, 2

Vols.

Author: Dwight, Benjamin W.

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Author: Alvord, Samuel M.

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